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## New School Resource Officer starts

But state budget cuts could jeopardize position

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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"Soapy" will be keeping kids' noses clean at Cohasset Public Schools.

The student body has signaled its acceptance of incoming School Resource

Officer Jay St. Ives by christening him with this nickname, which was inspired by the fact that his last name, St. Ives, is also a common brand of shampoo.

"Right now my job is bonding with the youths, getting to know all the kids - to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the youth," said St. Ives. "They have to be able to trust me, and that's where school

safety really begins: when you have the trust of the students and staff."

If the ready assignment of a nickname is any indicator, St. Ives is on the right track. He's been in the schools for a month now. The department has been calling it a "test drive" while they waited for the School Committee's final blessing, granted on Nov. 30.

During that test drive,

St. Ives worked closely with Sergeant Mike Lopes, who has been serving as Cohasset's School Resource Officer since the position was created in the fall of 2015. Students, teachers and parents are all sad to see Lopes move on.

"He has done, for a first time out of the gate, a phenomenal job," said one parent when the transition

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**"Jay's great work history, great work ethic, and his familiarity with school administration through his family ties made it a natural fit."**

—Chief Bill Quigley

## LOCAL GEM



Sarah Hannan, director of the South Shore Art Center, soon to retire, cozies up to a big fella, by artist Colin Moore, in a current show at the center. COURTESY PHOTO

## Time to hand over the reins

Sarah Hannan retiring from South Shore Art Center

By Constance Gorinkle  
Correspondent

Even involved in conversation, Sarah Hannan, director of the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, is aware of and alert to everything going on around her in this constantly busy building.

The ability to function on several levels at once no doubt is one of the main reasons Hannan has been successful in this job for the past 15 years.

A quiet presence and soft-spoken, she nevertheless conveys the kind of strength needed to run an organization that has 1,000 members, presents seven

major exhibitions a year, regularly involves 1,400 youngsters in artists-in-residence programs, does outreach in schools all over the South Shore, has a thriving program of adult classes, and oversees activities in two satellite venues, as well as the art center

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## OAKLAND FIRE

## Family remembers Peter Wadsworth

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Peter Nicholas Wadsworth, a city boy by address, nevertheless loved learning the history of his summer home from his uncle David, who was town historian for many years and knew everything

there was to know about the artifacts at the Cohasset Maritime Museum and Historical Society.

Sadly, Wadsworth, 38, is among those missing after an Oakland, California fire that claimed the lives of at least 36 during a party on Friday, Dec. 2.

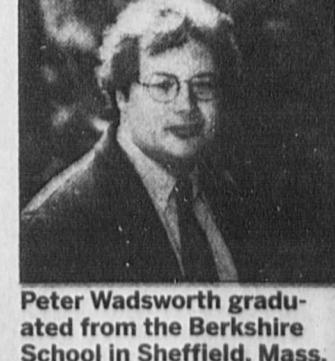
Peter was living part-time

in the Oakland artist community known as the Ghost Ship, housed in an old warehouse in Oakland. Suzanne, his mother, said he stayed there with friends from time to time and stored some of his belongings at the Ghost Ship because of the high cost of rent in the city.

"He was just there at the wrong time," said Suzanne.

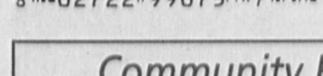
Remembering her son, Suzanne said, "Peter was very creative, charming, personable, and open-minded - unusually so. He was very tolerant of other views. He might not agree,

SEE PETER, A10



Peter Wadsworth graduated from the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., in 1997. He spent his childhood summers in Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

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## POLICE BEAT

**Car broadsided while crossing King Street**

**By Mary Ford**  
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**Rollover**

Police say the 50-year-old Cohasset man in a 2012 Mazda tried to cross King Street (Route 3A) diagonally from the entrance of Whitney Woods to Sohier Street when the car was struck by a 2003 Chevrolet sedan, operated by a 58-year-old Randolph man. The Chevy was traveling north when the Mazda darted out. The Mazda was broadsided and flipped over. Both cars were towed.

The operator of the Mazda was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said. He is being summonsed to court on charges of unlicensed operation and failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

**Disabled MV**

Police were called last week about a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee whose front end was supported by a jack because the two front tires were removed. The vehicle was partially blocking the sidewalk along N. Main Street, police said. Police located the 42-year-old Cohasset woman that owns the Jeep and she had it moved, as it was an unsafe situation.

**Blocking road**

A school bus driver reported that a landscaping truck was blocking Fair Oaks Lane on Monday afternoon (Nov. 28) making it difficult to pass. Police had the truck moved.

**Simple assault**

The 41-year-old man driving a UPS truck, who

was making a delivery to the loading dock behind Stop & Shop, reported to police on Monday (Nov. 28) that the driver of a rental truck making a delivery around the same time got in his face about using the loading dock. The driver of the rental truck is a 41-year-old Boston man. There was no physical contact but the driver of the rental was acting in a menacing manner, police said.

**Car hits pole**

The driver of a 2015 Ford, who is a 57-year-old man from Totowa, N.J., called police after he lost control of his car in the parking lot by the South Shore Athletic Club at 132 Chief Justice Cushing Highway and hit a light pole, denting it. The car had to be towed. He driver

was not injured and police contacted the management company at Old Colony Square about the pole.

**MV stop/tow**

An officer on patrol on Wednesday evening (Nov. 30) ran a registration query through the Registry of Motor Vehicles on a 1998 Chrysler Sebring at Forest Avenue and N. Main Street that showed the registration was revoked due to nonpayment of insurance.

The 45-year-old Duxbury man, who was driving and is the registered owner, is being summonsed to court on charges of operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration and operating without insurance, police said. The car was towed.

**MV stop/tow**

An officer on patrol on Wednesday evening (Nov. 30) ran a registration query through the Registry of Motor Vehicles on a 1998 Chrysler Sebring at Forest Avenue and N. Main Street that showed the registration was revoked due to nonpayment of insurance.

Investigation revealed the driver, a 34-year-old Braintree woman, has a suspended license for non-payment of child support. Her car was towed and she is being summonsed to court for operating after license suspension and failure to drive in marked lanes, police said.

**Muffler stuck**

A car was able to be freed before the tow truck arrived after its muffler somehow got stuck in the construction

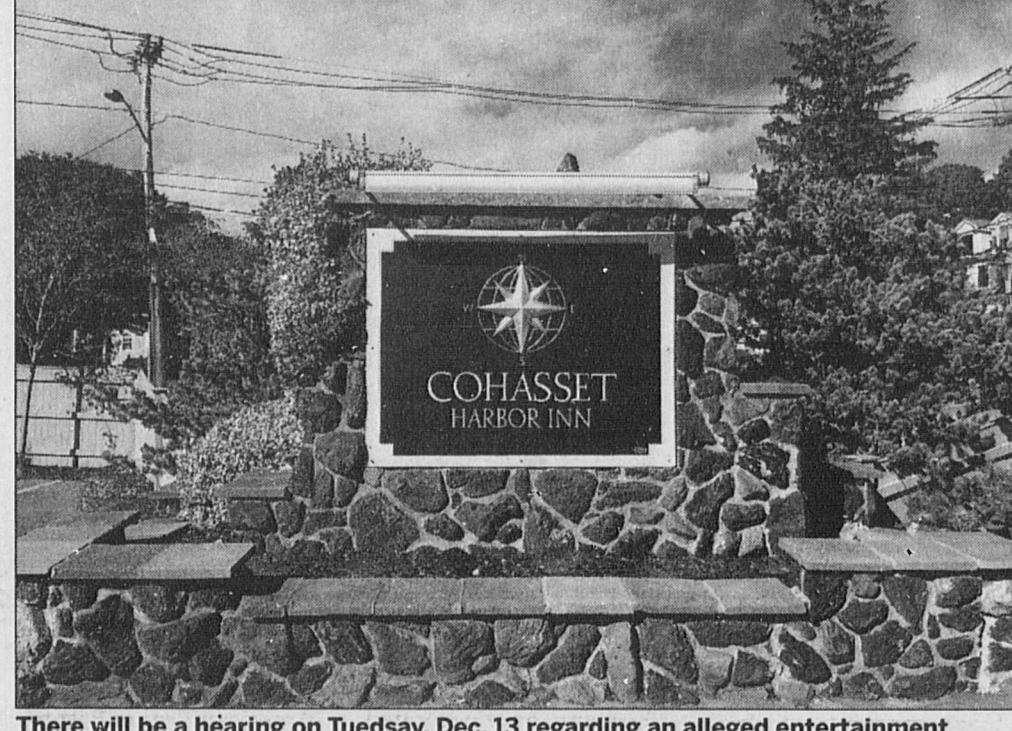
plates at Bound Brook on Beechwood Street where work on the culvert is underway.

The 1979 Pontiac sedan was traveling east on Beechwood when the mishap occurred, police said.

**No break-in**

A S. Main Street woman thought someone had tried to break into her house last Thursday (Dec. 1) when she saw a crowbar at the scene and called police. However, the tool was left by construction workers doing work there and investigation showed no one had tried to break-in. Police say it is always a good thing to call them about suspicious activity or items, so any potential criminal activity can be ruled out or investigated.

## UPDATE



There will be a hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 13 regarding an alleged entertainment license violation at the Cohasset Harbor Inn on Sept. 25. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO

## Cohasset Harbor Inn hearing continued

**By Amanda C. Thompson**  
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A hearing for an alleged entertainment license violation at the Cohasset Harbor Inn was continued to Tuesday, Dec. 20. The Board of Selectmen will hear from owner Gerd Ordelheide and any neighbors who wish to speak before determining whether there was, in fact, a violation.

Officers who responded to the call found 15 to 20 people standing outside on Summer Street and in Veterans Memorial Park. The crowd also included about 15 people upstairs across the street at the American Legion where the wedding had booked an after-party.

According to police, the crowd was angry because the Legion declined to serve them alcohol due to the fact that so many were already intoxicated. Mutual aid was requested from Hingham and Scituate to disperse the crowd. A total of eight officers responded, police said.

Two men and one woman

were taken into protective custody for exhibiting signs of intoxication and refusing to cooperate with officers. Protective custody is a tool that police can use to handle a drunken individual and is not an arrest.

The discussion was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29, but Ordelheide asked the board to continue the hearing until he finished preparing materials. According to selectmen, one such continuation is permitted.

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

## BRIEFLY

## ConCom meeting rescheduled

Due to a clerical error, the Conservation Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1 has been

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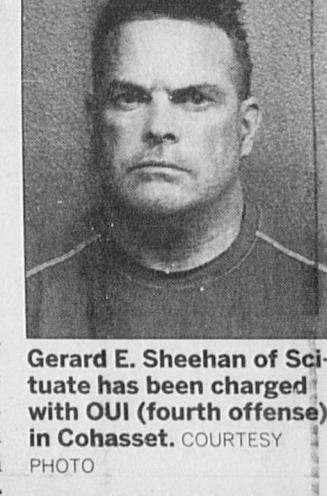
## POLICE

## Scituate man faces fourth OUI charge

Cohasset police arrested Gerard E. Sheehan, 50, of 770 Country Way, Scituate, on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11:45 p.m. for operating under the influence of liquor (4th offense).

In a complaint filed with Quincy District Court, Cohasset Police Officer Paul Wilson alleges that he found Sheehan passed out behind the wheel of his running 1998 Lincoln sedan in the Cohasset MBTA commuter train parking lot between North Main Street and Route 3A in Cohasset.

Sheehan was arrested, booked, and held, by Cohasset police over the weekend on \$10,000 cash bail. He was arraigned in Quincy District Court on Monday, Dec. 5th, where he was remanded to the Norfolk County House of Correction on \$10,000 bail. He posted bail and will return to court in early January, police said.

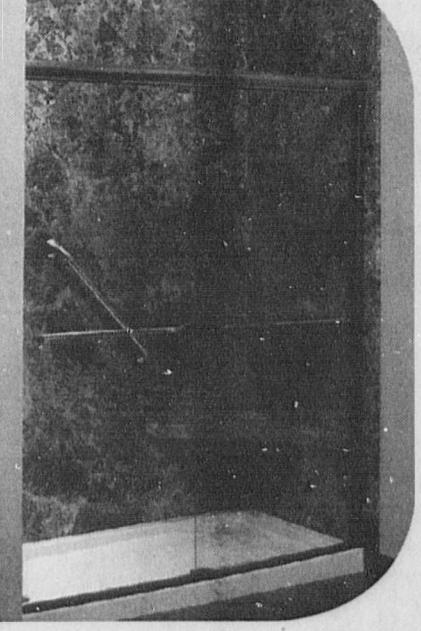
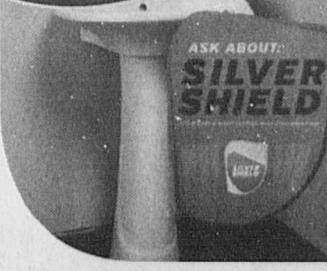


Gerard E. Sheehan of Scituate has been charged with OUI (fourth offense) in Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

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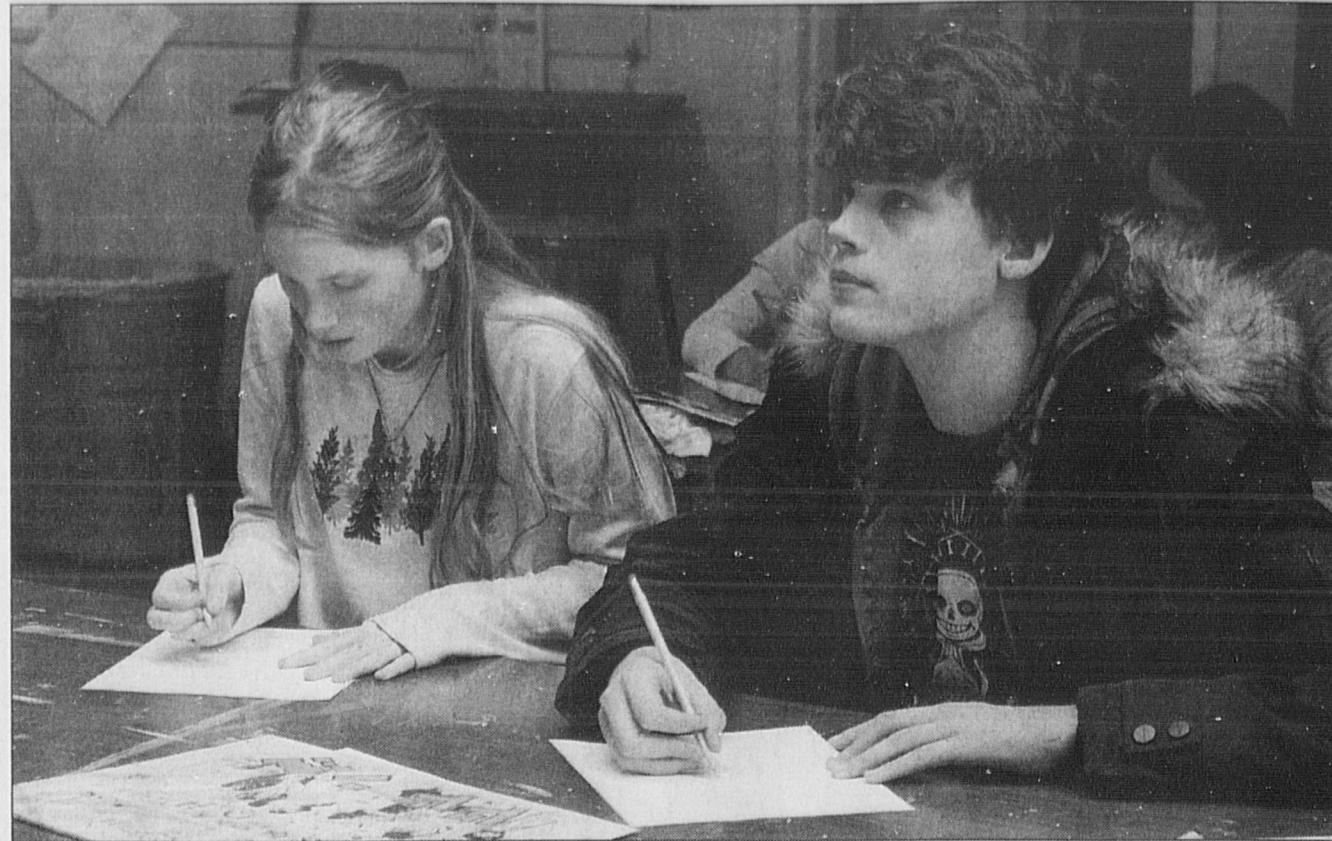
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# South Shore Comic Con

The South Shore Art Center presented the first South Shore Comic Con on Saturday (Dec. 3) with over 20 comic artists who were at tables, signing and selling their zines, original art, and talking about the craft of comic book story telling. Panels and workshops were in the art studios throughout the day.

The event was initiated by the Art Center's cartoon instructor Tak Toyoshima, who discovered many of his students had never set foot in a comic bookstore. Tak is the artist behind the syndicated daily cartoon Secret Asian Man, and is a Hanover resident and his day job is the Creative Director for Rustic Marlin.



Cassie Foley, 14, and Ethan Jones, 13, both from Hingham, take part in a drawing class taught by creator/artist Kat Klockow. The class included drawing basic figures and how to expand them into detailed sketches.



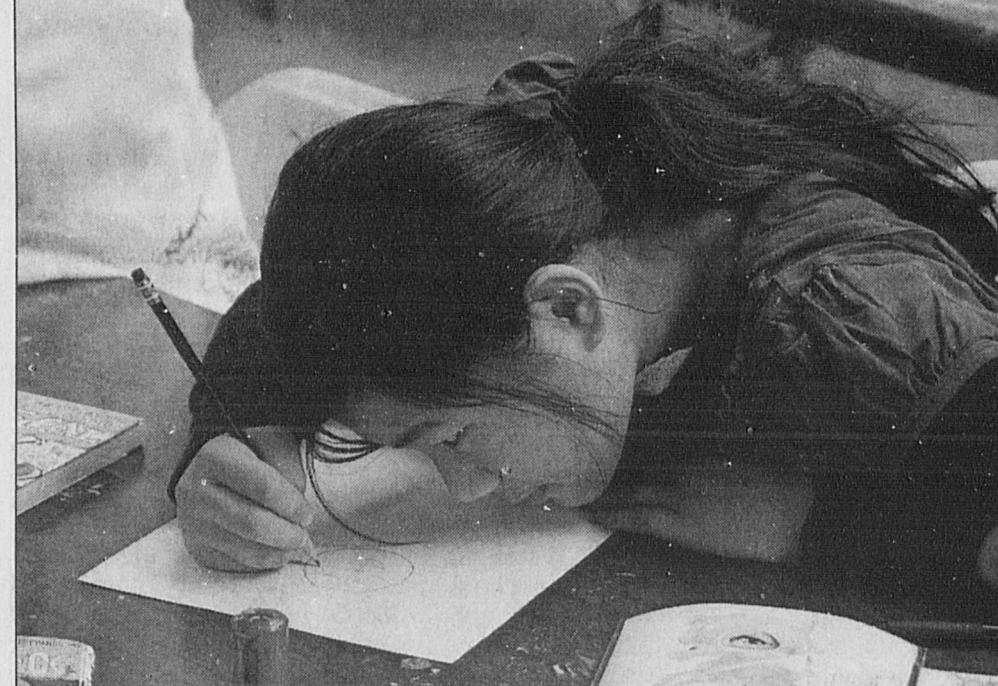
Jessica "JL" Metcalf of Snug Harbor Rhode Island signs a t-shirt for Grace McGowan, 9, of Cohasset.



Aizza Chase, 11, of Cohasset, gets a personalized t-shirt from local comic artist Jimmy Curtis at the South Shore Art Center's Comic Con.



Creator/artist Kat Klockow demonstrates the basics of drawing anime cartoon characters for a class held at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset during the Comic Con. Klockow learned this special method of drawing cartoon figures by living in Japan for a time.



Anna O'Leary, 12, of Cohasset, works hard to duplicate what she has learned in a drawing class with creator/artist Kat Klockow at the South Shore Art Center Comic Con.



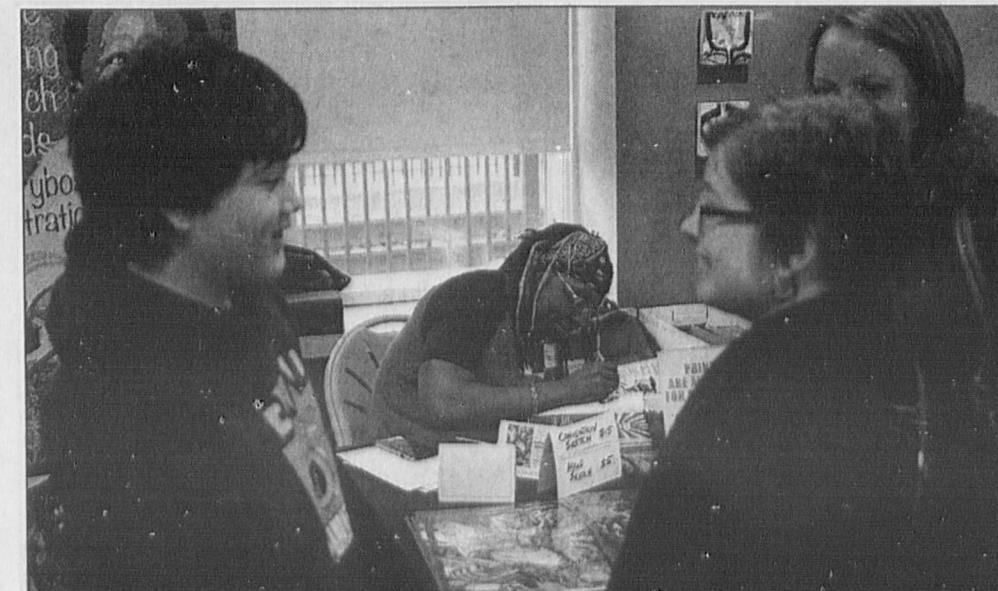
Emma Humphrey of Cohasset, 14, looks impressed as to how a few simple lines can emerge into a detailed drawing, as taught by artist Kat Klockow at the South Shore Art Center.



The Comic Con at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset enjoyed a very good turnout by creators and fans alike, allowing each to meet and discussing upcoming projects of interest.



Kystal Dub Medfield and friend Michael Cummings Reel of Cohasset enjoy chatting with creator/artist Josh Falkenburg of Somersworth, NH, at the South Shore Art Center Comic Con. Josh brought along his two daughters, Lillian and Isabella.



With fans surrounding him engaging in comic content discussion, creator/artist Frankie B. Washington finds a moment to work on a piece.

DON'T MISS THIS



Folks walk along South Main Street enjoying last December's Village Stroll. This year's event should be equally as festive. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

## Village Stroll has something for everyone

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and nowhere more so than in Cohasset Village, where the annual Holiday Stroll will take place tomorrow – Saturday, Dec. 10 – from 4 to 7 p.m.

Local businesses will have special sales and activities for guests of all ages. There will be family activities for parents with young children, shopping, beverages, and art for the adults, or live music, games, and raffles for teens at the Rec Center behind the Red Lion Inn.

Parents can take their kids to see Santa at Coldwell Banker. Or, write him a letter at Coastal Realtors. Swing by Dariyann's for craft time. Then, visit the elf at Pilgrim Bank to get a balloon animal before hopping on the festive hayride. Don't miss the ice sculpture on Depot Court!

Warm up afterward with

hot cocoa and candy canes at Sotheby's Realtors. Then head over to the Common for the holiday bell-ringing at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the big tree-lighting ceremony! Finally, commemorate the night with a picture at Raveis Realtors' photo booth.

Shoppers should be sure to visit the tent sale at OutsideIn and the "Bubbly Bling" event at Pink Tulip, featuring pop-up shops by King Jewelers and Bella Aesthetics. Snacks and beverages will be served at Balance Studio. Also be sure to take a stroll through the South Shore Art Center's holiday gallery!

Teens in grades eight

through 12 are invited to the Ground Level coffeehouse, sponsored by Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition and located at the Rec Center behind Red Lion Inn.

The open house will feature performances by some of Ground Level's signature performers as well as beverages, games, crafts and raffles. Open mic slots will be available for teen musicians, poets, storytellers and comedians who would like to perform.

The Holiday Stroll is coordinated by the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

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Please join the Broad Cove Chorale and Unicorn Singers for their 13th annual Christmas concert in support of Wellspring Multi-Service Center's Diane Edson Fund. This year's narrated concert, "The Animals of Christmas" is a gentle exploration of the origin of the Crèche and how the animals that traditionally surround the manger came to be included in the Nativity scene.

Performances will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 8 p.m. at Hingham's Lutheran

House of Prayer, located at 916 Main St. and Sunday, Dec. 11th at 4 p.m. at Cohasset's First Parish Unitarian Church located on the Cohasset Common.

Tickets are available at [www.bcc-us.org](http://www.bcc-us.org) or by contacting Kathy Reardon via telephone: 781-749-0162 or via email: [kreardon111@comcast.net](mailto:kreardon111@comcast.net). Regular tickets are \$20 and concert sponsor tickets are \$30, which includes an additional donation to Wellspring.

Among the music to be

performed is a haunting setting of William Blake's poem "The Lamb," by the English composer John Tavener, and a new setting of Thomas Hardy's touching poem, "The Oxen," written by Bob Ruplenas of Hanover, a member of the Unicorn Singers.

As always, audience members will be invited to sing carols with the choruses, and narrator Michael Theobald will entertain with a reading that describes a special Christmas in the English countryside, spent with a nanny goat!

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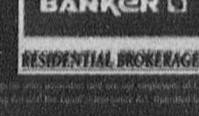
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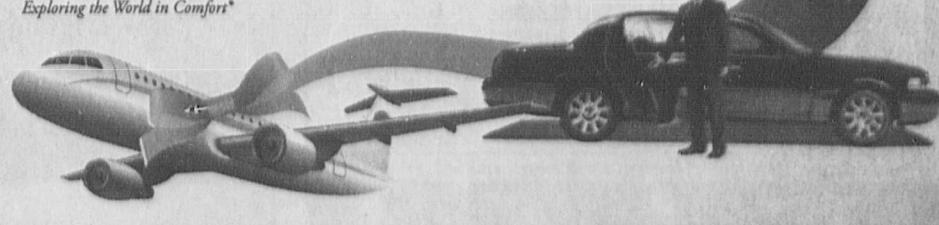
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## LIFE AT CHS

## College acceptances are coming in

**S**eason's Greetings to all my readers! Christmastime is almost among us and for every fellow classmate that means one thing: vacation. Even though it is a few weeks away, it is a pressing force on everyone's mind for a much-needed break is due. But before everyone begins to mentally check out, it is a good idea to take notice of all the great things underway at Cohasset High in the past week.

On December 7, a Professional Development Day and student early release, community members were able to show their gratitude for the service of CHS and CMS staff and teachers with a luncheon in their honor. Deemed Teacher Appreciation Day over the years, donated food and materials from grateful parents provided a lunch to serve staff and administrators here at Cohasset. Their time and effort in the instruction of Cohasset students cannot be overlooked, with a free lunch being a good way to start.

As letters of acceptance for those proactive seniors who applied early to many of the great universities in the nation



CONNOR CURRAN

**Hopefully the next few weeks of school before the holidays will bring early presents in the form of collegiate letters in the mail.**

begin to pile up, the wall space surrounding the guidance office is becoming dotted with pieces of paper, each representing the unique possibilities they provide. The students that have heard back from colleges have begun placing their congratulatory letters in the halls thus demonstrating the array of talent presented here at CHS.

Congratulations to those who have found out already and good luck to everyone who is waiting to hear from the various applications timeline choices! Hopefully the next few weeks of school before the holidays will bring early presents in the form of collegiate letters in the mail.

In years past our beloved CHS has had a spotty heating system, noticeably favoring certain areas of the high school, leaving others locations to fend for themselves in Day after Tomorrow like

temperatures. To me it seems as though the tide has turned with the Senior Café being incredibly warmer and hopefully reflects the administration's love of Class of 2017. Maybe I'm just being too optimistic, as the majority of the high school has seen rising temperatures unique to years before.

Yet another week is in the books here at CHS and the monotonous drag of the winter months is soon to take full effect. For the very eventful fall season at Cohasset High, winter break marks the beginning point where many more outstanding achievements will occur over the next few months. So sit close to your space heaters and sip the hot cocoa while reading this column, for "Winter is Here."

—Connor Curran is a senior at Cohasset High School and a regular Mariner columnist.

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## AROUND TOWN

## So many holiday happenings to report

## Holidays

Hi there Cohasset, are you getting ready for all of the holiday happenings in and around the town? I am a bit overwhelmed, so I am going to jump right in this week with the column, ask you all to enjoy your week, keep those in your thoughts who are dealing with loss, illness and struggling with family and friends who are having a hard time as well. As beautiful, festive and amazing as the holiday time of the year is (one of my favorites), difficult times still need love and compassion.

One last message is that rumor has it that some REALLY cold weather is finally heading our way next week. Get ready now in terms of the proper hats, gloves, and jackets for the kids and school, make sure pipes are ready and hey. Winter is getting ready to arrive! Let's greet it with a grin, right? Have a great week Cohasset, 1-4-3!

## Historical Society

Come and join the Cohasset Historical Society this evening, Dec 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. for some Holiday Cheer, celebrating the holidays and the opening of the new exhibit of artwork acquired since moving to the Pratt Building 13 years ago. This is a free event, open to all and will be a wonderful way to spend the evening.

## Holly Hill

The Holly Hill Farm Stand will be open on Sat., Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the awesome heated greenhouse. Featured this week for the last farm stand opening of 2016 is fresh, organic salad greens, arugula, kale, Swiss chard, & fresh organic cranberries. There will be special pricing on hot sauces, root vegetables, butternut & sugar pumpkins. You can stock up on Holly Hill Honey, Massachusetts crafted jams and pickles, Norma's Red Gravy, South Face Farm maple



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

more see page A2).

## Stroll

The Village Stroll is happening in town Sat., Dec 10th from 4 to 7 p.m. and will be filled with holiday joy, spirit and Sparkle, showing a true feeling of community, families, small businesses and friends. So gather the kids, talk with your friends and family and head down to the Village Stroll! (For more, see page A5).

## Ground Level

Teens in grades 8 to 12 are invited to the Ground Level open house Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Rec Center (55 R.S. Main St.) during the Holiday Stroll. They will have live music, cocoa and specialty espresso drinks, board games, raffles, and a craft project (They have 3 buoys to decorate for the annual lobster trap Christmas tree at Olde Salt House!).

Musicians, poets, comedians and storytellers are invited to participate in the open mic. Visual artists can bring their work to be featured on the gallery wall. This event is sponsored by Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition. If folks have questions, they can reach out to Amanda at [ground\\_level@ymail.com](mailto:ground_level@ymail.com), or connect on social media @GroundLevelCaf.

## Helicopter Santa

I received an exciting message from our friends at the Lifesaving Museum and they wanted to share this with all. Santa's coming to Hull on Sun., Dec 11 and he's arriving by helicopter! Be at the Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave. at 3 p.m. to see Santa and his elves arrive in their very own, reindeer-powered helicopter. Santa will have special, elf-kissed candy canes for every child and adult who arrives to wish him a happy holiday. He'll be back in the air, heading for Boston Light by 3:30 p.m. Please be aware that in the event of inclement weather, Santa's arrival time may change. Please check website for updates. Santa's visit is made possible by "Friends of Flying Santa." For more: 781-925-5433 or visit: [hull-lifesavingmuseum.org](http://hull-lifesavingmuseum.org).

—That's the news from here. Send it in by Tuesday at 5 for next week's column. EMAIL: [aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com](mailto:aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com)

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## APPLAUSE



From left: FF/Medic Jamie Boudreau, Thomas Chenette, Regan Thomas, Anna Thomas, Abby Thomas, Hailey Chenette and FF/Medic Kevin Donovan. Front: Sarah Chenette. COURTESY PHOTO

## Cohasset Dental delivers meal to fire, police

This is the season to thank all of those that work so hard to serve and protect us throughout the year.

To show their appreciation, Cohasset Dental

took a Thanksgiving meal to the Cohasset fire and police departments to say thank you for all that they do.

This is the fifth year that Dr. Kevin Thomas

and Dr. Aaron Chenette and their families have done this.

"It's really important to all of us to make sure that we give back to those that do so much for us. We are

sure it's hard for the men and women of the police and fire departments to be away from their family and friends during the holidays. It's the least we can do," the dentists said.

## CONGRATULATIONS

## Cohasset students on BC High honor roll

The following Cohasset residents were named to the first-quarter honor roll at Boston College High School:

## High honors

Matthew Doyle, Griffin

Gildea, Noel Hart, David Hillman and Liam McDonald, seniors; William Bowen, Daniel Driscoll and Charles Pyne, juniors; Jake Allen, Aidan Gildea and Matthew Wolfe, sophomores;

and freshman James Cain.

## Honors

Ryan Golz, seniors; Michael DeVries and James Krumsiek, juniors; Tomas Crosby-Bell,

Alexander deMurias, William Devin, Terence Faherty, Sereno Fricano and Thomas Marshman, sophomores; and Keegan Antico, James Devaney and Colm McDonald, freshmen.

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## Gala Holiday Concert at St. Stephen's

A Gala Holiday Concert featuring the Brass Artisan Quartet will be held at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature seasonal brass music presented by a world class ensemble.

"We are excited about this concert," says John Whiteside, Music Director at St. Stephen's Church. "The St. Stephen's Concert Series has been presenting excellent concerts for over twenty years to the member of the greater Cohasset Community, and this one promises to rank right up there with the best."

Holiday music is always fun, and it will be a treat to have a good group playing holiday music to help us get into the spirit of the season. "We hear lots of holiday music everywhere we turn in these few weeks before Christmas, and now we have a chance to hear some live music. This is a concert that will be fun for the whole family, and especially for those who have never heard a brass quintet. It's really fun!"

The Brass Artisan Quartet, directed by Jeffrey Popadic, plans a concert of family friendly



Jeffrey Popadic plans a concert of family friendly music, including seasonal music, as well as selections from the brass quintet repertoire. COURTESY PHOTO

music, including seasonal music, as well as selections from the brass quintet repertoire. "Brass music is always exciting, so we think this concert will really be something special," says Whiteside. "We hope to see fans of music of all ages at this concert."

Concert admission is free, and there is plenty of parking either on street or in the Town Hall parking lot. St. Stephen's Church is located at 16 Highland Avenue, just off the Town Common in Cohasset, and is Handicap Accessible.

# OPINION

QUESTIONS? Contact Editor Mary Ford at 781-741-2933 or mford@wickedlocal.com.

## OUR VIEW

### Life after Question 2

**Q**uestion 2, the initiative that would have raised the cap on charter schools, was defeated handily Nov. 8 after the most expensive ballot campaign in memory. So where do we go from here?

It was not an edifying campaign. Instead of showing people how charter schools succeed, proponents evoked sympathy for the thousands of urban kids "trapped" in failing schools. That helped spark resentment from the people who are committed to making district schools better, wherever they live. The divide over charter schools, always more bitter than it should have been, grew more toxic than ever.

Opponents -- teachers' unions, school committees and much of the Democratic political establishment -- made no effort to defend or explain the performance of district schools. They didn't talk about children or education, focusing instead on a dubious argument that district schools were hurt financially by charter schools. They spread innuendo and misinformation about charter schools, confusing the issue more than clarifying it. After some \$27 million was spent by both sides fighting over Question 2, voters may know less about charter schools than before the campaign started.

Opponents of Question 2 often raised the argument that instead of clearing the hurdles stopping a handful of new charter charter schools, Massachusetts must do more to boost the quality of all its public schools. The opposition coalition hasn't proposed such a program - let alone put it before voters - but it's time they did.

There is movement in the state Legislature toward what some are calling "Education Reform 2.0."

"Education reform 1.0" - the landmark 1993 law - "worked, but we've now

stalled," Senate President Stan Rosenberg recently told State House News Service, "and we still have an achievement gap problem and we still have funding problems in the traditional public schools."

Money is certainly part of the problem. A legislative panel has concluded the formula for a "foundation" budget, devised in the 1993 bill, falls well short of what school districts need. The Senate passed a bill this session calling for significant increases in education spending, ultimately paid for with revenue from the "millionaires tax" expected to be on the ballot in 2018, but it stalled amid disagreement over charter school expansion.

Contrary to the campaign rhetoric, the main stress on district school budgets comes not from charter schools, but from the increased cost of special education and employee health benefits. Any new school funding must respond to that, but Education Reform 2.0 can't just be about spending more money on the same educational product.

New education spending must come with new expectations, especially if the goal is to close the achievement gap. Legislators should start by looking at the policies through which some charter schools have raised the academic performance of students who started out with educational disadvantages: more flexibility for schools and teachers, longer school days and a longer school year. Schools that agree to those reforms, which should perhaps be mandatory for the lowest-performing schools, should get extra resources to make them happen.

After all, the point of accountability under education reform isn't to punish failing schools and struggling students, but to get them the help they need to succeed.

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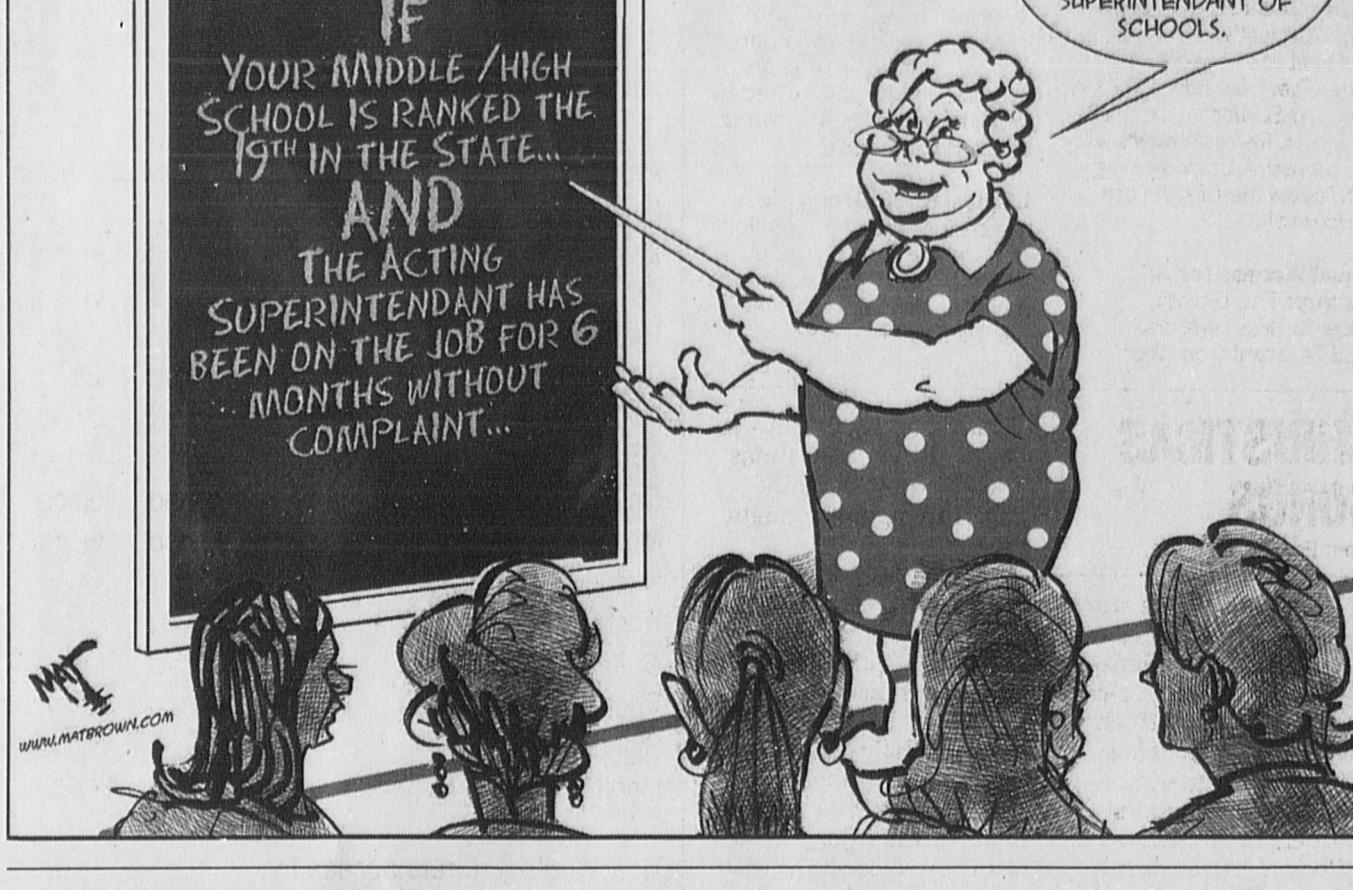
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Jingle Bell Walk support appreciated

The South Shore Community Center in Cohasset would like to express our sincere thanks to the many merchants, contributors and volunteers who helped make our 22nd Annual Jingle Bell Walk a great success! We would also like to thank the Cohasset Police Department, Cohasset Fire Department and The Cohasset Mariner. We give special thanks to Vincent Fontaine, Michelle Cayer, The Poligruto Family, Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, the Rusty Skippers Band, and of course Santa and Mrs. Claus!

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Happy Holidays,

**Paula Murphy**  
SSCC Program Director

### Coffeehouse catering to teens brewing

Parents and Teens! Yes, there is a Santa Claus!

Your prayers have been answered! The Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition has been working to develop alternative teen programming to combat "There's nothing to do in this town" complaint voiced by Cohasset teens for centuries! We think we've got a winner!

This Saturday at the Cohasset Christmas Stroll, the Ground Level Café, a coffeehouse catering to teens in grades 8 to 12 will open its doors. It will run from 4 to 7 p.m. this week.

The "In-Town Rec Center/Old Teen Garage" next to Red Lion in the town parking lot has been transformed. The

bohemian style coffeehouse sports a stage and open mic for performances and comedy and a warm atmosphere for connecting with friends over a cup of latte or cocoa.

This concept will morph into its own as the months progress. We've amassed a great many decorations to make it bohemian in appearance and feel. Please come and be part of the solution! At the outset, Ground Level Café will take place on a Friday evening on a monthly basis, with an aim to increase it to bi-weekly as the year progresses. We anticipate a finalized schedule in the next few weeks!

Visit us! Get warm and enjoy the ambiance! We promise you will enjoy yourself! We want all teens to be safe and have fun.

Pizza will be provided by Peelz.

**Christine Murphy**  
Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition

## VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

### Top 25 Christmas songs (or albums)

**I**t's Christmas time again and The Porch is a constant bustle of holiday fun with lights, music and other festivities; think walking through Macy's in December without the perfume being spayed at you.

There are so many facets to the Christmas season, decorations, baking, being with friends and family you love, being with friends and family you don't love as much and of course the music. The importance of Christmas music dates back centuries, and today there are literally thousands of artists who have released Christmas songs or albums covering the spectrum of musical styles. There's so much unique music that each person's preference becomes their own personal little tradition but there tends to be quite a bit of overlap.

So to kick off the holiday, I would like to share with you all, "The Porch's Top 25 Christmas Songs or Albums". Hopefully you'll recognize many that you enjoy and perhaps see one or two that you may want to seek out and listen to. Hope you enjoy.

#26. Bruce Springsteen's live version of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'. Look at me giving you all a gift of one extra song; what a great way to start and what a great song to start off with. Not sure what's



JOHN MCSHEFFEY

better though, the singing or Bruce's commentary?

#25. 'Jazz to the World', an album released by Blue Note Records as part of the "Very Special Christmas" series is a collection of amazing talent performing a multitude of Christmas Classics. Lou Rawls & Diane Reeve's version of 'Baby it's Cold Outside' is perhaps the all-time best version of this once hip, but now ultra-creepy song.

#24. 'I Believe in Father Christmas' is Greg Lake's masterpiece about the loss of childhood innocence. In many ways it's the perfect song for the transition from child to adult. And I believed in Father Christmas, and I looked to the sky with excited eyes, 'Till I woke with a yawn in the first light of dawn, and I saw him and through his disguise.

#23. 'Fairytale of New York' by the Pogues & the late Kristy McColl. A story reminding us that Christmas and love aren't always pretty, even if the song is.

#22. First recorded by Bing Crosby, 'Silver Bells' brings me back to a period

in my life when Christmas was a time of parties, gatherings and a faster pace. City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style, in the air there's a feeling of Christmas. I look back on those years with tremendous fondness.

#21. 'Carol of the Bells' brings the best out of a choir. I simply love how the song builds and flows back around. In an odd way, it's almost like the blues, in that it's a song that really delves into my musical core.

#20. The Toasters' album 'Christmas-Ska' is just plain old fun. There's nothing traditional about this upbeat, poguing album, but that's what makes it so great.

#19. 'O' Holy Night' sung by Tracy Chapman is hauntingly beautiful. Released on 'A Very Special Christmas 3', Tracy's rendition is the greatest version of this amazing song I have ever heard.

#18. 'Joy To The World', the John Williams and the Boston Pops' Christmas album from the early 1990's is all anyone needs for festive orchestral listening. There's an absolutely amazing version of 'Sleigh Ride', and it's impossible to listen to the reading of 'A Visit from Saint Nicholas' by Robin Williams and not feel reflective.

#17. Popularized by the successful cover versions

by both the Eagles and Jon Bon Jovi; Charles Brown's bluesy song 'Please Come Home for Christmas' is a treat that is best listened to in its original form.

#16. Drive by The Porch this time of year and you'll know that our season isn't complete without Santa Snoopy. So it only makes sense that the 1967 hit, by the Royal Guardsmen is on this list. 'Snoopy's Christmas', is ringing through the land, bringing peace to all the world, and good will to man.

#15. Like a few others in our cozy little hamlet by the sea, I had the pleasure of working for the greatest rock n roll station of all time, WBCN. In 1985, 'BCN released 'Hark the Rock and Rollers Sing' a collection of original rock Christmas songs by Boston artists. Three of my all-time favorites can be found on this not so easily found release; 'Christmas I Recall' by The Neighborhoods, The Fools 'Rockin' In a Christmas New Year' and the unforgettable 'Christmas in Kenmore Square' by Tom Sandman and Billy West. By the way, track down any of the O Positive Christmas tunes as well if you're interested in hearings some other cool local sounds.

#14. Before there was Bing, Frank or Nat, there was Pyotr. Pyotr Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite

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**LIBRARY CORNER**

# Local author talks about new book

**Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.** Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at [www.cohassetlibrary.org](http://www.cohassetlibrary.org).

**Open Book Hour:** Local resident Kathy Sherbrooke will visit the library to talk about her new book "Fill the Sky" on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. A book signing will follow the talk. All are welcome!

**Equal Access for All Survey:** The Library recently was awarded a LSTA grant from the

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to service people with disabilities. To help us gain a better understanding of the needs of our community, please take a few minutes to fill out our short survey either online at [cohassetlibrary.org](http://cohassetlibrary.org) or in print by Jan. 31, 2017. Print surveys are available in the library and elsewhere. We look forward to your comments!

**Library Book Group:** Join us for coffee and discussion of Kent Haruf's book "Our Souls at Night" on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS SONGS

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is Christmas. End of story.

#13. Boris Karloff narrates and sings perhaps the defining song on Dr. Seuss's 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'. Fahoo foresh, Dahoo dores, it was 1995 and I was in Boarders in the Atrium in Chestnut Hill when I looked and saw this in the CD new releases section. Welcome Christmas, bring your cheer!

#12. 'A Very Special Christmas' turned the rock world around in 1987 when it released its star studded album to benefit the Special Olympics. U2, Springsteen, Madonna and Stevie Nicks recorded amazing covers but it was Run-DMC's original 'Christmas in Hollis' that helped kick the music door wide open for rap and hip hop artists.

#11. If you enjoy the Celtic sounds, then go no further than 'Bells of Dublin' by The Chieftains. I love this album.

#10. Growing up, Johnny Mathis was perhaps the leading voice of Christmas in our house, and his 'Merry Christmas' album was almost always on in the background around the holidays.

#9. Difficult to find, but totally worth the effort, 'Christmas Time' staring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole is a compilation of post-war radio broadcasts to the troops overseas. This, above anything else in my Christmas collection, means the most to me as it reminds me of my grandmother.

#8. In 1957, the King released the original rock and roll Christmas album. Combining gospel and rock, 'Elvis's Christmas Album' did two things; highlighted his amazing voice, and introduced the world to 'Blue Christmas' which has overshadowed one of my all-time favorites, 'Santa Claus is Back in Town'.

#7. In 1987 the band Timbuk 3 was on the way to becoming a 1-hit trivia answer, but before they slipped off to the B-side of life, they recorded the ideal statement song for the holidays. 'All I Want For Christmas' is an total must for anyone growing up in the 80's, and you'd be surprised how much of its sentiment is relevant today.

#6. You know how I mentioned Snoopy earlier? Well, you see, turns out that he's associated with another Christmas gem. Perhaps you've had

a chance to listen to 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' by the Vince Guaraldi Trio? I thought you might have.

#5. Dec. 2, 1985 I saw my very first U2 concert. All during the show, Bono kept talking about this project he'd just been involved with called Band Aid. None of us knew what he was talking about, but a week later we did. Bob Geldof's and Midge Ure's 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' let them know it's Christmas time, launched Live Aid and helped restore the conscience of rock and roll. By the way, turns out it was recorded on my 17th birthday.

#4. 'A Christmas Gift for You' from Phil Spector is an absolute masterpiece. This 1963 release is perhaps the greatest rock oriented Christmas album ever recorded. Darlene Love's 'Christmas, Baby Please Come Home' is the Mount Everest or should I say Mount Crumpet of all Christmas songs and is just one of so many great songs on this album.

#3. John Lennon's peace anthem protesting the Vietnam war still gives me chills. 'Happy Xmas (War Is Over)' may very well be one of Lennon's greatest songs, and is one of those songs that no one has ever been able to successfully cover. Incidentally, if I were doing a list of the worst Christmas songs ever, Lennon's old writing partner's attempt at a Christmas song would sit firmly a top that list.

#2. Frank Sinatra's 'A Jolly Christmas' is downright the perfect Christmas album. Any other year Frank would be number one on my list, but not this year.

#1. 'Peace On Earth/ The Little Drummer Boy' is the magical duet between David Bowie & Bing Crosby that perfectly blends the traditional and the contemporary and the banter between the two artists before the song can be equally enjoyable, even if it's a bit scripted. The song turned out to be Bing's last as he passed away five weeks later. 2016 got off to a horrible start with the loss of David Bowie so it's only appropriate that this Christmas we listen to his masterpiece with appreciation.

As always, thanks for reading. Most if not all of these songs can be found online, although some may a bit harder to find than others.

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## Library Survey for Persons with Disabilities

The **Paul Pratt Memorial Library** is committed to ensuring that our facilities and services are fully accessible to persons with disabilities. We recognize the importance of connecting with and responding to the needs of those who use the library. To help us achieve our objective, please take a few minutes to complete this survey if you have a long term illness, health problems or a disability which limits your daily activities or know of someone who would like to access library resources but can't because of these conditions. All responses will be confidential. Please complete the survey even if you do not use the library or its services.

Return this survey to **Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025** by **January 31, 2017**.

### Circle answers

#### Have you visited the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset in the past six months?

If not, skip to question 7. Yes No

#### 2. How would you rate the access to the facility?

	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Circulation desk	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Holds shelf	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Online catalog stations	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Adult area	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Young adult area	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Children's room	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Meeting room/Study rooms	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Historical room	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Restrooms	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Community room	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Photocopier	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Signage	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Lighting	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor

#### How would you rate access to:

The library's website	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
The library by telephone	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor

#### How would you rate each of the following areas of service?

Welcome of staff	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Responsiveness of staff	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Attitude of staff	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Speed of service	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Staff's ability to understand the needs of those with disabilities	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Overall quality of service	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Information on assistance available to those with disabilities	Very good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor

#### Are you aware the library offers the following services?

Downloadable books Yes No

Talking Books from Perkins Library Yes No

Home delivery Yes No

Eyeglasses and handheld magnifiers for use in the library Yes No

Reading materials in other formats such as talking books, audio books, and large print Yes No

Please give us your comments on how the Paul Pratt Memorial Library can improve its facilities and services for those with disabilities.

This section will be entirely confidential and anonymous and will only be used for analysis purposes.

#### 7. What town do you live in?

#### Which of these best describes your type of disability? (circle all that apply)

Visual impairment Hearing Loss Intellectual disability

Learning difficulty Physical disability

Other:

#### Which of the following have you used? (circle all that apply)

Alternate formats such as:

Braille large print audio books Talking Books Other:

Adaptive Technology such as:

JAWS Zoomtext Kurzweil 1000 Video magnifier Text to speech software Low-vision keyboard Trackball mouse TTY Listening device Other:

#### What additional resources would you like to see available in the library? (circle all that apply)

Materials in Braille Large Print books Audiobooks Electronic Books

Closed Captioned DVDs High-low materials for those with intellectual challenges

Other:

#### Additional Comments:

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library is a recipient of a LSTA grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Our Equal Access for All grant will allow us to provide better service to those with disabilities. Information from this survey will help improve our understanding of the needs of the community.

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**HANNAH**

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itself.

But, now, she says, "It's time to retire. It feels right." It feels right because Hannan can take pride in how the center has developed over the 20 years she actually has been working there, first as office manager, then as program director, continually taking on more responsibilities, until the directorship became inevitable. Her decision to retire was crystallized when she and her staff began to make plans for the center's signature event, an arts festival, which this summer will be celebrating its 62nd year, on June 16, 17 and 18.

**PETER**

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but he was always willing to listen. Peter was just... nice. And I think all his friends would agree."

Tammy Tasoff, a friend of Peter's who spoke to the San Francisco Chronicle Sunday, certainly did. "He was like my big brother," Tasoff said.

Peter moved out to San Francisco around 2012 and worked as a consultant for

It is a sprawling enterprise that takes over Cohasset's town common, and is highlighted by a members' juried art show in the main tent and an exhibition of young artists' work. In addition, crafts vendors from all over the country come to the festival to show and sell their exquisite creations, ranging from one-of-a-kind jewelry to magnificent fabric art.

"As we were making plans for this year's festival, I began to think about how long we have been putting on this event," said Hannan, "and then my thoughts turned to the length of time I have been here — 20 years!"

At that moment, she began to take stock of

what had been accomplished over those two decades, which made her realize that she had come to a fork in the road, and that it was time for someone else to take over, someone who will find a place, she said, "in great shape and in good hands."

Having been happily surrounded by art and artists for a good part of her life, Hannan stoutly maintains that she is not an artist herself. "When it comes to art I'm strictly a voyeur." But her path was determined when she chose art history for her major at Boston University. And it wasn't a bad idea that somewhere along the way she studied bookkeeping.

Hannan hasn't strayed

far from this beautiful part of the world. Having grown up in Weymouth, and been an usher, as a youngster, at the South Shore Music Circus, she is a long-time resident of Duxbury, where she and her late husband, Phillip, raised their son, Peter, who is a developer for a Boston non-profit organization, and daughter, Abigail, who works for the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City.

Sitting in one of the galleries with a visitor, Hannan has a good view of where the center is these days, through the works being exhibited in the main gallery. Called "Out of Order," the show is a collection of many genres, with each work a witty take on its title due

to something that's out of place, or missing, or just plain wrong. Edgy, puzzling, and in your face, it is not a show the center would have hosted in earlier times, when the purpose of its exhibitions was to be more soothing than provocative.

"Our exhibitions have grown," Hannan says, "in their professionalism, and in the fact that we don't limit the genres we exhibit. We have become nationally recognized because artists from all over the country exhibit here, in nationally juried shows."

At the same time, she stresses, "we have to maintain our core," those in the community who consider the center a second home, a place they can go to not

only enjoy fine art, but to create art, along with neighbors and friends, with whom they also socialize at openings, and, of course, help out at the festival, a source of great pride to the dozens who volunteer at this iconic event every year.

One might imagine that Hannan will miss the excitement of the center, where one thing or another is always being planned or happening. And, no doubt, she will. But her thoughts already are focused on her future plans. "I'm going to travel as much as I can. My idea of heaven is to visit two museums in a day, followed by a glass of wine. And, oh yes, I'm going to take art lessons."

various fields, including start-up companies and projects with environmental impacts.

He then worked as a designer of non-traditional drones. According to his LinkedIn profile, his projects included VTOL (vertical takeoff and landing) drone technology, extended range and payload capacity, and mix of fuel sources and propellant, among other ventures.

Back when he lived in Boston, Peter was a

designer with Bad Habit Productions, a non-profit theater. He studied psychology at Harvard University and Reed College in Portland, Oregon, where he got his first taste of West Coast living, and where he remained for several years after finishing school.

"I think he liked the weather a little better than here," said Suzanne. She said Peter had friends living in San Francisco, which was a big part of the reason he moved back out there.

Peter spent the first 12 summers of his life in Cohasset, where he and his younger brother Nathaniel learned to sail at the Yacht Club. Although they lived in Boston for most of the year, the family's connection to the town was strong.

Peter came from a long line of local celebrities, including the Pratt, Tower and Nichols families (that's where he got his middle name). His relatives founded the Historical Society, and his

great-grandfather designed the Pratt Building that now houses it.

"Pete considered Cohasset his home," Suzanne said. "Even though he wasn't a native, he might as well have been."

Edward and Suzanne now live in town full-time.

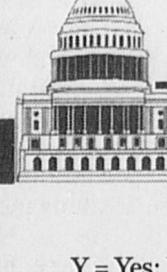
"The Wadsworths are very valuable and active members of our community," said Kevin McCarthy, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, when he heard about Peter. "In a small community like

this, this kind of news hits especially hard."

The flip-side of that is the wave of support that follows a tragedy like this.

"The people in Cohasset have been absolutely fantastic," said Suzanne. "The outpouring of support from Cohasset residents has been the source of great comfort to us."

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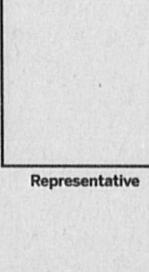
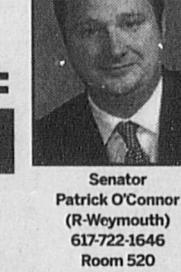
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If you have any questions about this week's report, e-mail bob@beaconhillrollcall.com or call 617-720-1562.

Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote (President rarely votes) \* Not every item is voted on by both House and Senate



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, with the end of the 2016 session only weeks away, Beacon Hill Roll Call, in the first of a series of special reports, looks at some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in the 2016 session.

## OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION (H 4088)

House 155-0, Senate 37-0, approved a new law aimed at reducing the opioid abuse crisis in the Bay State. It is designed to reduce the number of opioid pills in circulation by working with many parties involved in the process including schools, doctors, insurance companies and pharmacists. Key provisions require all public schools to have a policy regarding substance abuse prevention; to advise students about the dangers of substance abuse, and to perform an annual verbal screening of pupils for substance use disorders. Parents can opt their children out of the screening requirement.

Other provisions include limiting initial opioid prescriptions by doctors to a seven-day supply except for chronic pain management, cancer and palliative care; requiring drug manufacturers to create a program to secure, transport and safely dispose of unwanted drugs; establishing a rehabilitation program for registered pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians who have a substance abuse issue and allowing them to volunteer for the program instead of being subject to disciplinary action; and requiring patients admitted to the emergency room for an overdose to be subject to a detailed substance abuse evaluation within 24 hours before discharge.

Supporters, noting there were 1,256 accidental drug-related deaths in 2015, said this new law is a balanced and practical approach that will improve schools' approach to teaching kids about drug prevention and increase access to treatment for those who are addicted. They argued it will save lives and spare the heartache of many families by helping to stem the rising tide of drug addiction and drug-related deaths across the state.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers Yes

Rep. Thomas Calter Yes

Rep. James Cantwell Yes

Rep. Mark Cusack Yes

Rep. Josh Cutler Yes

Rep. David DeCoste Yes

Rep. Angelo D'Emilia Yes

Rep. Geoff Diehl Yes

Rep. Michelle DuBois Yes

Rep. William Galvin Yes

Rep. Susan Gifford Yes

Rep. Patricia Haddad Yes

Rep. Randy Hunt Yes

Rep. Louis Kafka Yes

Rep. Ronald Mariano Yes

Rep. Christopher Markey Yes

Rep. Mathew Muratore Yes

Rep. James Murphy Yes

Rep. William Straus Yes

Rep. Walter Timilty Yes

Sen. Michael Brady Yes

Sen. Vinny deMacedo Yes

Sen. Brian Joyce Yes

Sen. John Keenan Yes

Sen. Mark Montigny Yes

Sen. Patrick O'Connor Yes

Sen. Marc Pacheco Yes

Sen. Michael Rodrigues Yes

## \$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4128)

House 150-3, Senate 35-0, approved authorizing the state to borrow \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

Supporters said this helps cities and towns improve their roads and bridges and keep them safe. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers Yes

Rep. Thomas Calter Yes

Rep. James Cantwell Yes

Rep. Mark Cusack Yes

Rep. Josh Cutler Yes

Rep. David DeCoste Yes

Rep. Angelo D'Emilia Yes

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Sen. Brian Joyce Yes

Sen. John Keenan Yes

Sen. Mark Montigny Yes

Sen. Patrick O'Connor Yes

Sen. Marc Pacheco Yes

Sen. Michael Rodrigues Yes

## PUBLIC RECORDS (H 4338)

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved a new law designed

to ensure that the state and local municipalities comply in a timely way with requests for public records. It also reduces costs to people making the requests.

This new law requires each state agency and municipality to appoint at least one public records access officer to serve as the point of contact for all public records requests; limits to \$25 per hour the fees municipalities and state agencies can charge for time spent responding to requests; allows municipalities to request additional time for compliance and the right to charge higher fees to cover reasonable costs; enables courts to award attorney fees when government agencies wrongly deny access to public records; and requires agencies and municipalities to make documents available in electronic form.

Supporters said this is the first update to the state's public records laws in 40 years and noted that it makes state and local government more transparent. They argued it is not acceptable for members of the news media or for ordinary citizens to face unreasonable delays and high costs to gain access to information that is supposed to be public. They argued that the new law balances access to public records with protection for local municipalities from unreasonable procedures and unfunded mandates.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers Yes

Rep. Thomas Calter Yes

Rep. James Cantwell Yes

Rep. Mark Cusack Yes

Rep. Josh Cutler Yes

Rep. David DeCoste Yes

Rep. Angelo D'Emilia Yes

Rep. Geoff Diehl Yes

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## UPDATE

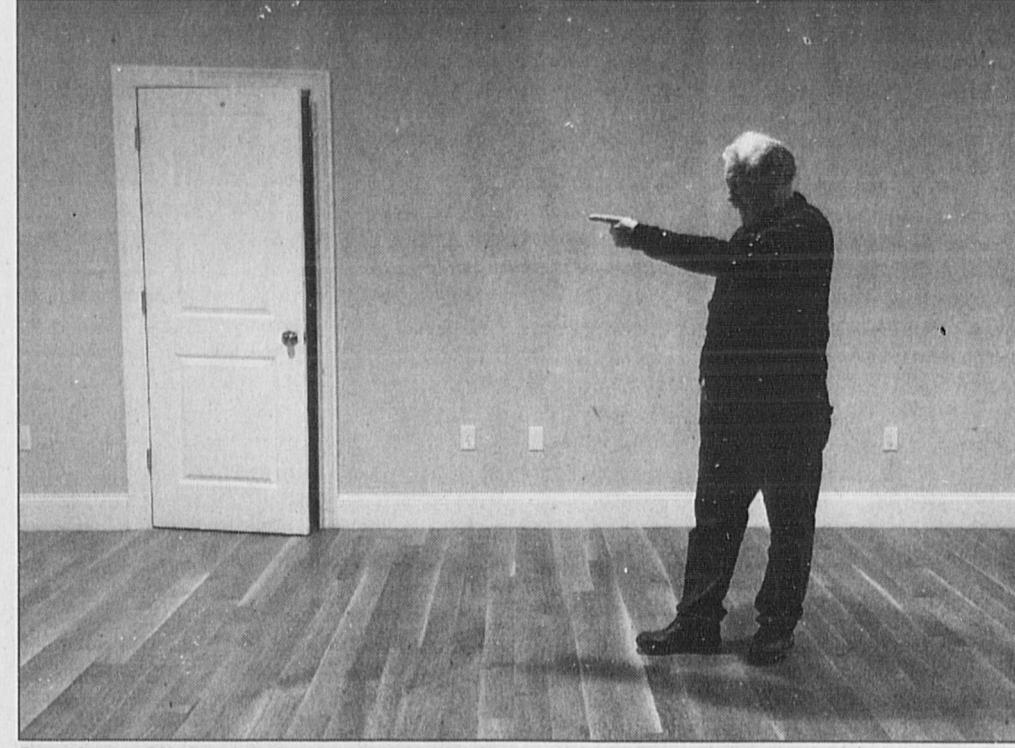
# Compromise possible for James Lane townhomes

**By Amanda C. Thompson**  
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The Planning Board and 8 James Lane developer Mike Roberts are working toward an agreement so that construction can move forward on the project. They meet again on Wednesday, Dec. 14 to resolve a disagreement about how space on the third floor of the townhomes can be used.

After finishing 1,460 square feet of living space on the first and second floors, the developer went on to finish another 140 square feet in the attic, which he said was in line with the special permit for the development. The permit allowed him to finish a maximum of 1,600 square feet of living space.

The board, however, said that the third floor had never been part of the permit, and that attics and basements were supposed to be left untouched as



**Developer Michael Roberts shows where a wall may have to be relocated in order to comply with the special permit for the James Lane townhome development. Roberts hopes to reach an agreement with the Planning Board at their meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14.** WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO

utility space.

The developer said he was trying to create more

value for homeowners with a limited amount of space and was not trying to flout

the rules. The difficulty was partially due to confusion created by different

methods of measuring square footage in a dwelling unit.

"They gave us info on different ways to slice up the numbers, some of which seemed to jive with what's in the zoning bylaws," said Planning Board Chairman Clark Brewer. That's good news for the developer, because an exception to the bylaw would require town meeting approval and could take over a year.

At its Nov. 30 meeting, the Planning Board made some suggestions for creating that value while also staying within the guidelines of the permit.

"The meeting was tense at times, but productive," said Brewer. "The Planning Board members expressed a clear message for the developer to resolve this quickly. We're hoping to reach a reasonable compromise so they can get the job done."

"We think we understand what the board will

and will not allow us to do in the attic space," said Roberts. "As a result of the meeting, we're submitting a corrected plan that we think meets what they told us they wanted. We're hopeful that at the next meeting we'll be able to clear this up and move on."

Roberts believes that the new plan will also keep the project economically feasible, which he said would be a concern if the third floor spaces could not be finished as living space.

While the parties may disagree about the best way to use the third floor, they agree that resolving the issue quickly would be ideal for both parties. There is currently a cease-and-desist order for construction on the third floors of all the units as well as in the basements.

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## UPDATE

# Bound Brook Bridge safe for traffic after problems

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Police and contractors on the Bound Brook Dam replacement project spent the later part of last week troubleshooting issues, including a shifted road plate and a cracked water main. Beechwood Street was closed for repairs on Thursday and Saturday nights (Dec 1 and Dec 3).

Residents affected by the road closures were calling the incidents a "disaster" and "completely unacceptable" on the community Facebook page Cohasset143. "This can not happen," wrote resident Michelle Loughlin. "The contractors

need to be more responsible. The town needs to hold them responsible."

For many, the community Facebook page was a window into the goings-on at the dam. The Town of Cohasset page also issued periodic updates.

"It's incredible what happened on Cohasset143," said Selectmen Chairman Kevin McCarthy, who found out about the issue via Loughlin's post. "Everybody who wanted to comment and follow it could do so."

On Thursday, Dec. 1, Beechwood Street was shut down from 6 to 8 p.m. due to a shifted road plate. Drivers said they could see through the three-inch gap

to the river below and that they felt unsafe traveling over the bridge.

According to DPW Director Brian Joyce, there was little likelihood of a car actually falling through the gap, but the decision was made to close the road just to be safe.

"It could have had traffic over it, but the police erred on the side of caution and decided to close the road," said Joyce, adding that safety was a top priority for the police and for everyone involved in the project.

DPW staff pushed the plates back together and the contractor inserted additional pins to prevent the plates from shifting again.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, Beechwood was again shut down, this time because vibrations from the construction work had caused an old cast iron water main to crack. Joyce said that water service was disrupted from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. After replacing the main and restoring water service, it was another hour of work replacing the road plates and patching the street.

Joyce said that the water main was slated to be replaced later in the project, anyway, due to its age. The same main ruptured in a different location earlier this year.

The crack was due to insufficient support of the

main while it was temporarily exposed, according to Water Commissioner Rolf Gjesteby.

"It's ironic that the main would break, because that's why they're repairing all that," Gjesteby remarked.

At the time of the incidents, the contractor was in the process of installing a 30-inch plastic bypass pipe to maintain river flow during the replacement of the twin culverts. With that done and the water main replaced, the road plates will be removed and the single open lane will be paved. There will be no road plates during the winter.

"It's unfortunate that a water main would break

during one of the major projects in town," said McCarthy. "I drove over it the next morning and was glad to see it was passable. That whole section of our community has a one-way entrance, so I would hope we don't see anything more like this."

Drivers who are not Beechwood residents should continue to avoid the bridge until construction wraps up in February. An alternate route is available via Clapp Road in Scituate.

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**GRANT**

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The Old Landfill inched closer to its fate as a solar site when the Planning Board formally signed the draft decision to build during its meeting on Nov. 30. Chairman Clark Brewer said that seals the deal and the project can now move forward, much to everyone's relief.

"It's been five years," Brewer said. "A lot of other towns have gotten approval to put solar panels on their old landfills. Also, the price of solar panels has come down substantially since we started this project."

Over the past year, permitting has been the major delay. The Town needed a post-closure use permit in

order to build, guaranteeing that the landfill complies with environmental regulations and is suitable for supporting the weight of the array.

But first the Town needed a closure permit. It should have been granted in 1995 when the landfill closed, stating that it was properly closed and capped and would have no detrimental impact on the surrounding ecosystem, but for some reason the permit was never issued.

Both permits are now being processed by the Department of Environmental Protection. Alternative Energy Chairwoman Mary Jo Larson said that no issues have been raised and they are just waiting for the formal paperwork to arrive.

Once that happens, Palmer Capital can begin construction, which will likely happen in January.

Last month, the Planning Board asked a consultant to review the site a second time, after Palmer and Alternative Energy had already collaborated to test the site in August, and Larson said her committee was concerned about additional requirements the consultant could raise that would effectively block the project from ever getting started.

"We were really pleased and relieved," Larson said after the Planning Board made its decision.

Going forward, the committee will be coordinating with selectmen to prepare for the 2017 Green Communities grant cycle.

Under the Green Communities Act, Massachusetts cities and towns must meet five criteria to be designated a Green Community and receive funding. The grants provide financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the designated communities' clean energy goals.

Green Communities commit to reducing municipal energy consumption by 20 percent over five years. Across the state, these savings will total enough energy to heat and power nearly 17,000 homes. The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will be comparable to taking 39,000 cars off the road.

As a first-year Green Community, the Town received \$141,460 last year

and could receive \$250,000 in this year's cycle. 2016 funds were used to retrofit exterior lighting fixtures at the schools, public safety building, and DPW. This is projected to save the Town 2.5 percent in energy costs.

2017 funds were originally slated for converting streetlights to brighter, longer-lasting and more efficient LEDs, but it now appears that the state will be offering a bespoke grant for streetlight conversions, freeing up this year's Green Communities funds for other projects.

Larson said the committee will now be turning its attention to thermal energy savings, having harvested all the low-hanging fruit of electrical savings.

A list of potential projects had been submitted to

National Grid, which will partner with the Town on many of these initiatives. The utility is now working on a response outlining costs and savings associated with each suggested project.

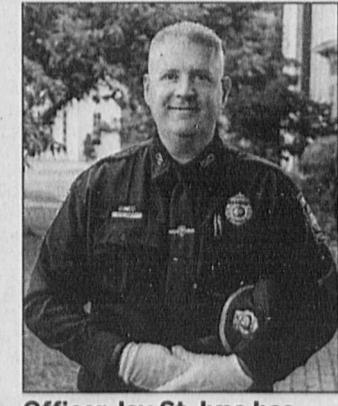
Hopefully, said Larson, Alternative Energy will have that response in time for its joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The deadline for grant applications is Feb. 10.

"We're working with them to keep this on the front burner," Larson said. "This Green Communities grant is phenomenal - it has a multiplier effect."

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**Officer Jay St. Ives has been with Cohasset Police for eight years and is taking over the School Resource Officer role.**

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law enforcement experience and has been with Cohasset Police for eight. He cut his teeth as an officer at UMass Boston and has been entrenched in the school environment ever since, chaperoning events at the schools where his wife has taught.

"Jay's great work history, great work ethic, and his familiarity with school administration through his family ties made it a natural fit," Quigley said.

St. Ives has 17 years of

the training and the experience, and he wanted to do it," said Lopes. "He has a background in the schools and brings a lot to the table. It wasn't a hard choice."

Jeanne Astino, School Committee chairwoman, thought it was great that the department would be bringing another face into the school system.

"That's two police officers that the students will know and trust, and that's a huge thing, particularly with adolescents and older - they question authority," said Astino. "It's important that they have somebody they feel comfortable speaking with and going to."

**State budget**

The only hitch? After the Police Department and School Committee agreed on a plan, word came from the Governor's office that 9C budget cuts had been made that would revoke \$100,000 in funding that was slated for the School Resource Officer position.

9C cuts mean that money

that has not yet been distributed can be held back if there is a risk of an imbalanced budget. With November revenue numbers coming in lower than expected, an imbalance is a possibility.

"It's sort of disheartening that we're getting the rug pulled right out from under us halfway through the fiscal year," said Quigley. "This cuts right at the heart of our community policing efforts."

But Selectman Paul Schubert thinks there's hope. "The Governor is worried about an out-of-balance budget in the spring if November is accurate," he said. "But November isn't accurate."

November is a small month, said Schubert, while December means Christmas shopping, holiday bonuses, and increased revenue for small businesses.

In addition, the numbers from November were calculated differently than usual thanks to a recent change in accounting, meaning the last four business days

of the month were not included. That means Black Friday and Cyber Monday were not part of the total.

It's the first month in a long time where month-to-month revenue has gone down, said Schubert. Overall, "Economic growth has been above and beyond the national level. Average income is up, wage growth is up."

"I'm not sure why he did the cuts," Schubert admitted. "When trying to overcome deficits, he should be more careful about where he makes the cuts. This is for safety education and alcohol education for the children and for the officer to be at the schools to get a more personal approach."

Without these funds, Cohasset won't be the only South Shore town to lose a School Resource Officer - Hull and Hanover would also have to say goodbye to theirs. Technology and security upgrades at Hingham and Hanover schools would also be without funding.

"Every district had

something taken back," said Schubert.

Fortunately, said Quigley, the Town Manager is moving around funds within the Town's budget to keep the program running at least through the end of the school year, with or without help from the state. After that, the Town will have to decide whether to continue the program, and how.

Anyone who is concerned about the 9C cuts is encouraged to call Senator Patrick O'Connor's office at 617-722-1646 and Governor Charlie Baker's office at 617-725-4005. That's what Schubert and Quigley have been doing.

"I'm always the optimist," said Quigley. "I'm counting on our local state reps and senators to help us out. We're a small town with a limited tax base. Programs like this are just so important to places like Cohasset."

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### COHASSET YOUTH

### Lacrosse Registration

Registration for spring 2017 Cohasset Youth Lacrosse is open.

Regular registration is open through Dec. 15.

There is a \$25 late fee beginning Dec. 15, and there is an additional fee after Jan. 15.

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### HOCKEY

### City of Champions Classic

On Saturday February 25, 2017 starting at 12 p.m., FMC Ice Sports will host the City of Champions Classic at Asias Arena.

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For more information, contact Sean Kennedy at 781-312-5049 or [skennedy@fmicesports.com](mailto:skennedy@fmicesports.com).

Asias Arena is located at 702 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301 and is a Commonwealth of Massachusetts public ice skating facility, overseen by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and managed by FMC Ice Sports.

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### BOYS HOCKEY

## Ready for action

Icemen open season Saturday

**By William Wassersug**  
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The Cohasset High School boys hockey team had a solid year last year, finishing with a 13-9-1 record and a trip to the MIAA Division

3 South Sectional quarter-final, where they lost a well played 4-1 game to an outstanding Holliston team.

In the first round, Cohasset beat Nantucket 3-1.

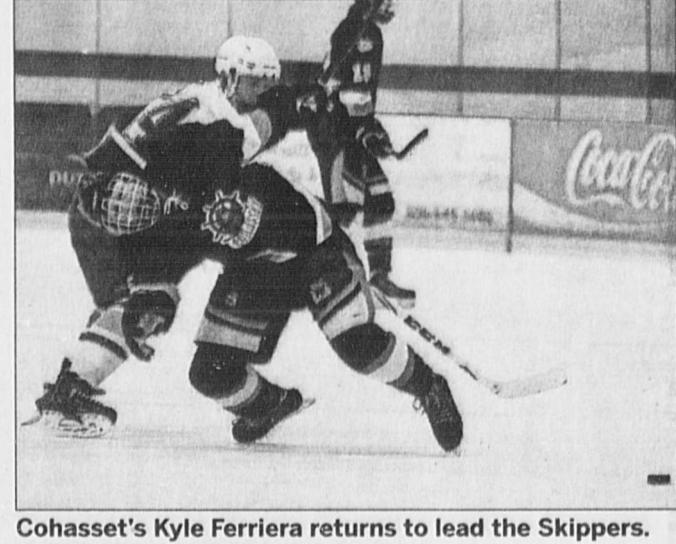
This year's team brings back a wealth of experience, and one question mark.

Led by senior captains Joe Campedelli, Michael Cohen, Jimmy Farren, and

Aidan McHugh, the Skipper Icemen hope to make waves in the South Shore League.

The top two scoring lines from last season return with Farren surrounded by senior Mike McKelvey, who recently finished tenth at the MIAA Division 3 state golf championships, and

**SEE HOCKEY, B2**



Cohasset's Kyle Ferriera returns to lead the Skippers.

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL



Cohasset's Lauren Cunning drives in a recent scrimmage at Scituate. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

## In the right direction

Young Skipper squad learning on the fly

**By William Wassersug**  
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The Cohasset girls basketball team is young, scrappy and ready to get into the new season that starts this week.

"We're very young," veteran coach John LeVangie said. "We're going to make some mistakes, but we'll get better as the season goes along."

While they're young, Cohasset has some experience, with a number of players who have logged solid varsity action.

Among that group are Zoe Doherty, Elle Hansen, Lauren Cunning and MC Crumley, who were all on last year's South Shore League Tobin Division championship team.

Newcomers this season are freshmen Bella Farren, Molly Greer and Devaney Curry.

**SEE GIRLS BB, B2**



Cohasset's Molly Greer drives in a scrimmage against Scituate.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Willing and ready

Hoopsters cautiously optimistic about upcoming season

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Cohasset boys basketball coach Bo Ruggiero has had an outstanding career with the Skippers, and as he heads into his ninth year at the helm, he's cautiously optimistic about continuing that success this year.

Last season, the Skippers won a share of the South Shore League title for the third year in a row, and won their way to the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional final, where they were outgunned by a buzzsaw in Cathedral.

Along the way, the Skippers beat No. 1 seed Pope John Paul and two more teams seeded higher than Cohasset.

The Skippers will face new challenges this year, however.

"We're trying to control the uncontrollable," Ruggiero said. "Attitude, concentration and effort. If we can control those,

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Chase Bomeisler protects the ball against Carver last season. Bomeisler is expected to be a force this season.

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### LETTER

## Cohasset High Athletic Hall of Fame

Thank you to all who helped

The CHS Hall of Fame Class of 2016 Induction over Thanksgiving Weekend was a huge success.

The CHS Hall of Fame Committee would like to extend a special thanks to the following people for making it all possible:

The Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund for its generous pledge of ongoing support.

Nancy Kucinski for donating the frames for the team inductees' certificates.

David and Josh Hassan of Hassan Sign Co., of Cohasset for their creative talents in designing and

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Inductees of the 2016 Cohasset High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the Induction Dinner. COURTESY PHOTO/COHASSETSPORTS

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## FOOTBALL

## Wicked Local Final Power Rankings

By Chris McDaniel  
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The fall football season is now in the rearview mirror.

On Saturday, eight state champions were crowned, including Hanover capping off an undefeated season.

Before we look on to the winter season ahead, let's take a chance to wave goodbye to the football season that was.

**1. Hanover (12-0)** — The Indians were nothing short of dominant this fall. Hanover got better every week and out-scored playoff foes 196-42. Hanover's first state title since 1976 was well deserved.

**2. Marshfield (8-3, 3)** — The Rams surely wanted a shot at Duxbury's best on Thanksgiving but Marshfield had to settle for a 53-0 win against the Dragons' second unit. It worked out for Duxbury, as the Dragons won a state title on Saturday. The Thanksgiving win gave the Rams a four-year streak on Thanksgiving, but Marshfield-Duxbury had the makings one of the best Turkey Day games this year.

**3. Norwell (8-3, 3)** — It's hard to find fault with anything the Clippers did this fall. All three losses came against state champions (two to East Bridgewater, one to Hanover). This season was one of redemption for Norwell, which established itself as the type of hard-nosed team opponents never like to play.

**4. Silver Lake (8-3, 4)** — The Lakers put together a phenomenal season and

capped it off with a 40-20 win over Pembroke on Thanksgiving.

**5. Scituate (7-4, 7)** — A four-loss season seems harsh, but the Sailors put together a great 2016. The Sailors dropped two competitive contests against state champion teams in Hanover and Falmouth while dropping a playoff game to Silver Lake by two points. Scituate ended the year with a deserving 48-24 win over Hingham.

**6. Braintree (6-5, NR)** — All season long the Wamps struggled with consistency but Braintree ended the year with wins over Franklin and Milton.

**7. Abington (6-5, 5)** — The bar is always high for the Green Wave. Even in a bit of a rebuilding year the Green Wave still reached the South Sectional semifinal.

**On the bubble:** Plymouth North (6-5), Hingham (6-5), Cohasset (5-5)

## Player of the Year

**Brad Rogers, Sr., Hanover:**

Like he ran away from defenses all season, Rogers ran away from the rest of the field en route to earning this year's Player of the Year Honors. The senior collected 27 rushing touchdowns this fall, including three in the state championship on Saturday. Rogers was a no-doubter choice.

**Honorable mention:** Jack McNeil (Jr., Marshfield), Josh Martin (Sr., Abington), Brady Bailey (Sr., Norwell)

## Coach of the Year

**Chris Landolfi, Hanover:**

What Landolfi has done in a short amount of time at Hanover is extremely impressive. Landolfi coached the Indians to an undefeated state championship this year following a deep run last season. Hanover was rarely challenged this fall and even earned a number of marquee wins during the season.

**Honorable mention:** Jim Connor (Norwell), Chris DiGiacomo (Silver Lake)

## Quarterback of the Year

**Peter Churchill, Sr., Scituate:**

Scituate's field general was putting up stat lines comparable to Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers all season long. Churchill fed the Sailors' caveat of weapons all fall and helped put together an explosive offense.

**Honorable mention:** Wyatt Shisler (Sr., Hanover), Matt Dunn (Sr., Rockland)

## Game of the Year

**Oct. 28 - Silver Lake, 28, Scituate 26:**

When the football pairings were announced, a Division 2A South Sectional quarterfinal matchup between Silver Lake and Scituate immediately jumped out. The Lakers earned their first playoff win since 1980 in a game that was decided on the final play. A last-second winning field goal attempt from Scituate deflected off the crossbar and out. The game featured five lead changes.

**Honorable mention:** Norwell 14, Rockland 13; King Philip 14, Marshfield 7; Brockton 14, Weymouth 12 (OT)

## Performance of the year

**Jake Burkhead, Sr., Plymouth North:**

Burkhead earned the nod here with a dominant day against Nauset. He carried the ball 17 times for 211 yards and five touchdowns a 56-29 win over Nauset on Nov. 11.

**Casey Fernandez, Jr., Carver:**

The running back rushed for 186 yards and five touchdowns in a 36-16 win over Hull on Oct. 14 in a performance worth mentioning.

**Ryan Finney, Sr., Hingham:**

In another honorable mention, the senior tight end hauled in nine catches for 199 yards and two touchdowns in a 43-22 loss to Wellesley in the Division 1A South Sectional quarterfinals. Finney caught a 91-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the game.

## Football Power Rankings

*are decided with the help of several factors: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams and margin of victory. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth. Send nominations for players of the week to cmcdaniel@wickedlocal.com or reach on Twitter @ ChrisMcDaniel88.*

## SSVT

## Fall Sports Award Night

SSVT honors athletes, coaches

Mayflower League all-stars and State Vocational all-stars.

This fall, SSVT brought back soccer after several years, coached by Rob Freitas. The team won seven games and had three all-stars, Scituate's, Jeremy Andrade and George Cook along with Noah Sinatra of Norwell.

Derek Mariani, Head Football Coach thanked his five assistant coaches and the football parents for their hard work during a long season.

Marie Mariani congratulated her 17 cheerleaders and their parents as well as announcing that Mrs. Mary Jo Tanzi will be in charge of the football banner being at every game, a long-standing tradition at South Shore.

Golf coach, Peter Murphy praised his team for their tremendous sportsmanship as shown by the honor they were given by the Mayflower League North Division. Murphy also reported that John Jenkins of Hanover was on the Mayflowers all-star squad.

Assistant Athletic Director Linehan announced that Coach Murphy is retiring after 7 great years at South Shore. Linehan extended thanks to Murphy from the whole Viking Community.

The final speaker of the 90-minute event was Dr. Tom Hickey, Superintendent-Director of South Shore Vo-Tech. Hickey thanked the coaches and student athletes for their commitment and work. Hickey also thanked the parents for their sacrifices and participation.

Hickey added with pleasure that SSVT doesn't have user fees because athletics is a part of the students' full participation at school.

## NDA SWIM AND DIVE

## Cohasset swimmers shine for Notre Dame Academy

NDA finishes fourth at Sectionals, States

Cohasset resident and Notre Dame Academy senior Elizabeth Flaherty represented Notre Dame Academy Swim team at South

Sectionals in the 50 Yard Freestyle.

She swam the second leg of the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay placing seventh at Sectionals with a time of 1:46.10 on November 12, and placed sixth at States on November 20,

2016 at Harvard while swimming the first leg of the relay.

Notre Dame Academy placed fourth at South Sectionals and at States.

Sophomore Grace Basile, also from Cohasset, placed fifth in the 200

Yard Individual Medley and fourth in the 500 Freestyle at the Catholic Conference Meet on November 4.

Notre Dame Academy won the Catholic Conference Swimming & Diving Championship.

## HOCKEY

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sophomore Conor Joslin on the top unit.

They will be joined by junior Kyle Ferreira, senior Brad Winn, and sophomore Matthew Lund.

A new combination that has shown great promise features senior Thomas Durkin, junior Ryan Losordo, and freshman Cam Joslin.

Rounding out the depth up front is another new line with senior Seamus Sheehy and freshmen Joe Losordo and Declan McHugh.

Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney likes what he sees.

"This team has strong leadership and the example they have shown has been tremendous," he said. "I look for them to set the tone and help the younger players develop. We have the potential to be a legitimate contender in the league and beyond with this group of seniors leading the way."

The strength of the Skippers will be its veteran defensive corps led by multiple-year starters Michael Cohen, Aidan McHugh, and Joe Campedelli.



Cohasset's Matt Lund returns to the Skippers this season. Wicked Local File Photo/William Wassersug

Stout on defense and dynamic in the offensive zone, they have the ability to control the flow of the game.

They will be joined by senior Jack Curran, junior Michael Legge, sophomores Nathan Arnold and Thomas Broderick, and freshman Jack Fitzpatrick. Newcomer, freshman Ethan Bartueca takes over the starting role in goal for the Skippers. He has shown impressive poise and confidence and his development will be critical

to the team's success. He is backed up by sophomore Jack Mahoney. The Skippers open up regular season play on Saturday, December 10 in a non-league contest against Old Rochester Regional High School.

The puck drops at 8 p.m. at Connell Rink in Weymouth.

"Old Rochester was one of the hottest teams in Div 3 last year heading into the tournament," Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said. "It will be a great, early test."



Cohasset's Elle Hansen looks to pass the ball during a recent scrimmage at Scituate High School. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

he said. "They're a good team. We'll get there. The girls are working hard and having fun."

The girls start the season Friday Dec. 9 at Boston Latin.

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## HOCKEY

# Three still standing

South Coastal Hockey League roundup through Dec. 4

By Mark Ducharme  
Correspondent

There are three teams that will be fighting for the final two spots in the South Coastal Hockey League on Sunday at the Hobomock Arena in Pembroke.

The third-place Toros who have a one point lead over both the Saints and the Stingers who all have one game left each.

The Stingers created the logjam as Jim Callahan and Steve Lemish of Pembroke both scored goals to lead them to a 4-2 win over the Saints. Pembroke's Scott Kelly and Mike Kennedy also scored for the Stingers in the first period to give the Stingers a 2-0 lead.

Pembroke's Paul Lyons scored two goals and Hanover's Scott Morgan had two assists for the Toros.

Greg Smith of Hanover recorded his second shutout in a row as the Sharks clinched a playoff berth with a 4-0 win over the Whalers.

Paul LaFond and Jay Parker both of Hanover, Mike Valentini and Mike Crisp scored a goal each while Tim Fallon had two assists in the win.

The Saints will play the Crusaders, the Toros will faces the Sharks and Whalers will meet the Stingers in the final games of the season.

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The Stingers beat the Saints 4-2 in South Coastal Hockey League action Sunday.  
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## BOYS BB

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we can do well. They have terrific attitude. They have to concentrate and execute in the heat of the game. They also need maximum effort every possession. That's what we do."

Ruggiero said he's feeling good about the team he's got.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "The upside is that we have a terrific group of kids at practice. They came in the Monday after Thanksgiving willing and ready to go."

There is a flip side however.

"They say players are made in the offseason and teams are made during the season," Ruggiero said. "Not a lot came back in better condition than last year. They don't all play year-round. Some play other sports, so we put them through the tasks when we get them. They're very willing and know what to expect, instruction,

not entertainment."

As for Ruggiero's longevity at Cohasset, he had an interesting thought.

"Some of the kids on this team were in kindergarten when I first started here," he said.

On the court, Ruggiero has an idea what he can expect.

"We're limited in depth," he said. "We have a few returners who played in varsity games last year and a few who had at least a taste of varsity games."

"This group will press and run and play fundamentally sound basketball," he said. "They work diligently and play high speed the way we like to play. That's our style. We have young kids with length who run like gazelles. When they run, they take up space."

The team will look to junior Chase Bomeisler to help set the tone. Bomeisler was last year's leading scorer, and a South Shore League All-Star.

"Chase isn't big, but he's

tall and long," Ruggiero said. "He's getting into shape. Last year he led our scoring and rebounding. He had help with (graduated) Alex Norton. Now without Alex, Chase is marked man. For all his great success, he'll be challenged this year."

Ruggiero said Bomeisler should be ready for the challenge.

"Chase is a terrific shot blocker and defensive rebounder," he said. "We'll see how he rides."

The leader of the team will be Cohasset's lone senior, Liam O'Connell.

"Liam is our shortest guy at 5'8" and our only senior," he said. "Liam started for us last year at point guard. He's our field general. He has a good sense of the game. He and Chase are our most experienced players, our mainstays from last year."

Junior Tommy Carrabes is expected to contribute.

"Tom is 6'1" and a fierce

competitor," Ruggiero said. "He's second in offensive rebounding last year. He's a tough defender."

One area where Carrabes is expected to improve is on the scoring department.

"He averaged 4 points-per game last year," Ruggiero said. "He needs to notch that up this year. We need that. We lost 24 of our 53 points-per game from last year. We're going to need more."

Junior Sam Lelio was on the varsity as a freshman and as a sophomore split time between the varsity and JV.

"He's worked at his skills in the offseason," Ruggiero said of his 6'1" guard. "He got bigger and stronger. He also had the benefit of playing with Liam on a very successful soccer team this fall. He knows about the competition level."

On the wing, sophomore Thatcher Stone checks in at 6'3".

"Thatcher is a basketball

player," Ruggiero said. "He's got great length and a huge desire to be a good player. We'll look to him to contribute to the success of this team. He played several varsity games last year. He had a couple of good games. If we can get him and Sam to be consistent, they'll do well."

Beyond the starting five, Ruggiero said there isn't a lot of depth yet.

"Our sixth and seventh man are interchangeable," he said.

"Junior Max Davis is 6'3" now.

He has a lot of length. He has

one year varsity experience. He'll be counted on. He's improved as an athlete. He can run and jump. He's worked on his game."

Sophomore Mark Mahoney is the team's backup center.

"We'll have what we call a magnificent seven," Ruggiero said. "Our serious depth ends after seven though. We'll also groom a couple of players and usually we find someone to

step up and trickle in during the season."

Among the players Ruggiero feels might work in are juniors Scott Whalen and Ollie Hanke. Sophomore Brad Albanese is also on the radar, as well as freshmen Luke Adams, Tom Chenette and Colin McFetridge.

The Skippers open play at home Tuesday Dec. 13 against Avon, and follow Dec. 20 at home against Carver.

"We have a 20-game schedule," Ruggiero said. "We're looking forward to it. We have a nice non-league schedule with Plymouth North, Archbishop Williams, South Shore Voke and Southeast Regional twice. I'm pleased with our schedule."

The coaching staff is also a veteran group with former Skipper star John Maher, Jim Willis and Dick Lawless.

"We're excited," Ruggiero said. "We're looking forward to the season."

## HOF

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manufacturing the Hall of Fame sign at Cohasset High School.

The Cohasset High School Administration and

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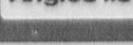
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### Angela A. Laitta

HINGHAM – Angela Angelus Laitta, of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, passed away on Thursday, December 1st 2016, surrounded by her husband, Laurence, and her beloved family.

Angela grew up in Lawrence Massachusetts and graduated from Lawrence High School in 1946. She lived and worked in Boston and Hartford Connecticut until 1956 when she met Laurence J. Laitta.

Angela and Laurence traveled the globe, inspiring the appreciation of adventure and understanding to all who knew her. Above all else, Angela loved her children and family.

At home, Angela adored the ocean, crossword puzzles, and was a very passionate and invincible Scrabble player.

Angela was the devoted and loving wife of 60 years to Laurence J. Laitta of Cohasset and cherished mother of the late Laurence (Larry) Jr., Gina White of Raynham, Michael Laitta and his husband Paul Dwyer of Washington, DC, Craig Laitta and his wife Pia of New York, Karen Lundholm and her husband Richard of Sarasota, Florida. She was grandmother of Justin Lund-



Angela A. Laitta

holm of Sarasota Florida. Angela was predeceased by her siblings, Mary Sperounis, Eda Webster, Aristea (Stella) Donovan and Hank Angelus. Angela is also survived by her beloved sister-in-law Tess Angelus of Westwood, Massachusetts, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral home service Saturday at 2 PM followed by visiting hours on Saturday 3-7 PM in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), Hingham.

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# Cohasset dancers in 'The Nutcracker'

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The International Ballet Academy of Norwell invites the public to a presentation of "The Nutcracker," Tchaikovsky's much loved holiday suite. Catch the spirit of the season while supporting local artists, this December at the International Ballet Academy of Norwell's and her sister school DBA New England Movement Arts' presentation of the Nutcracker!

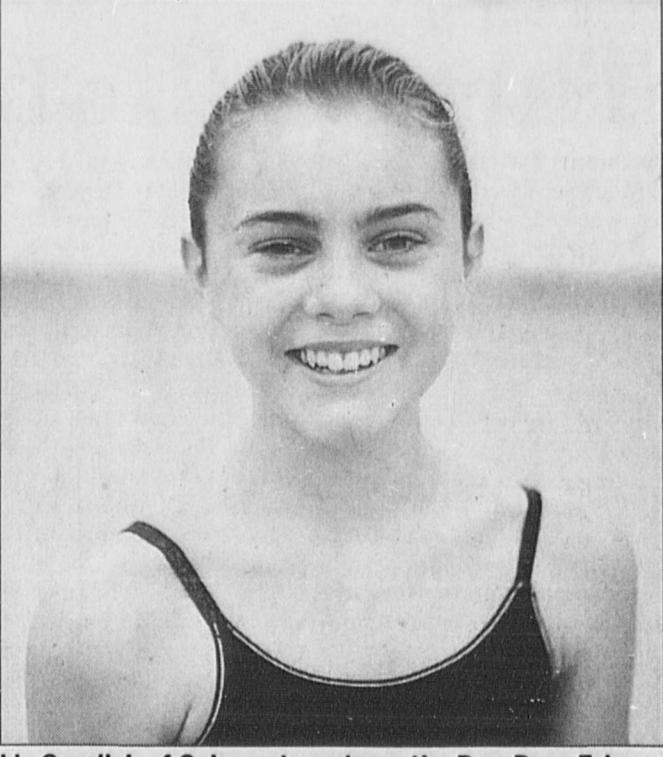
Capturing the essence of a child's wonder and imagination in beautiful music and dance, The Nutcracker has been enjoyed by audiences for more than a century, inspiring and connecting generations of families. Now the spirit it brings to the holiday season is

available in your own back yard.

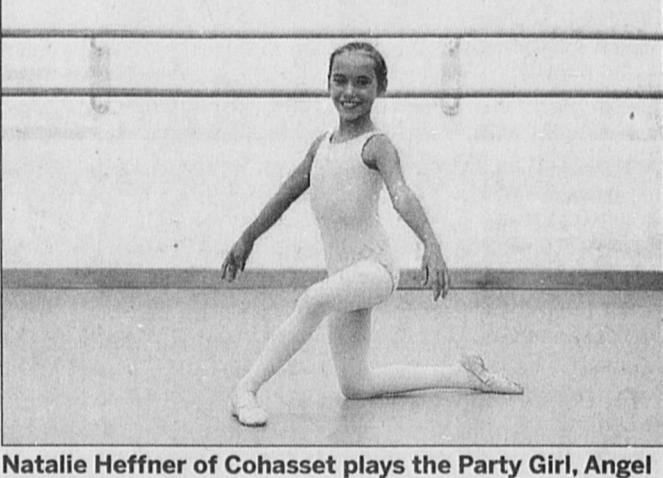
The International Ballet Academy's presentation features local students of the Academy performing with professional dancers from Ballet Brio of Bayamon, Puerto Rico and freelance dancers heralding from all around the greater Boston area,

bringing the beauty of this magical ballet closer to you, so that it may be part of your family's tradition.

Reserved seating for Hingham is available in advance by visiting: [ibanolwell.org](http://ibanolwell.org), or, if available, at the door on the day of the show at Hingham Middle School at 6 p.m., Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 11.



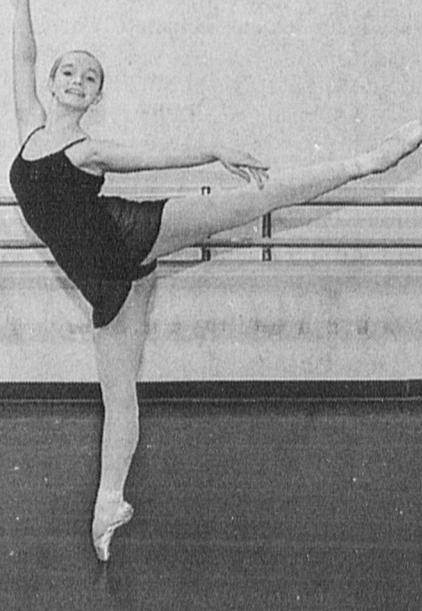
Liv Garelick of Cohasset portrays the Dew Drop Fairy and Soldier Doll. COURTESY PHOTOS



Natalie Heffner of Cohasset plays the Party Girl, Angel and Polichinelle.

## ON STAGE

### South Shore Ballet Theatre



Olivia Hansen of Cohasset will perform the role Dew Drop Fairy for both afternoon performances. COURTESY PHOTOS

### SS Ballet Theatre also presents 'Nutcracker'

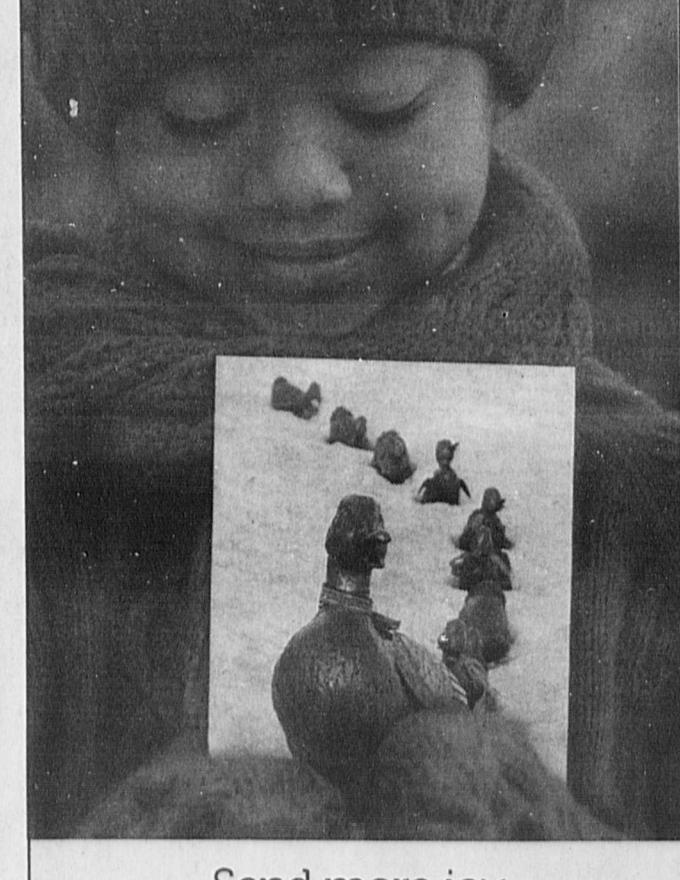
South Shore residents craving a Nutcracker fix this season need go no further than Hanover.

More than 85 local dancers will bring to life the story of Clara, a young girl swept up in a battle with

a mouse king and then transported to the magical Land of the Sweets. Set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, the ballet includes performances by the Sugar Plum Fairy, featuring guest artist Sayaka Wakita (Royal Ballet of Flanders), to the mysterious Drosselmeyer, featuring SSBT faculty Harunaga Yamakawa, as well as a dazzling array of dancing palace fairies, chocolates and marzipan.

The Nutcracker will run Dec. 17th and 18th with two performances on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and one performance on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Thayer Academy. Tickets are on sale at [tututix.com](http://tututix.com), and

are expected to sell out. Hanover's South Shore Ballet Theatre, was founded in 2008 by Marthavan McKeon, a 27-year veteran ballet instructor (including 10 years with the Boston Ballet School) and former soloist with the Atlanta Ballet. McKeon heads a faculty that includes former Boston Ballet soloists and faculty Leslie Woodies and Stephanie Moy, and former American Ballet Theatre dancer Nan Keating, who was principal of Boston Ballet School's (now-defunct) Norwell studio and before that of the Children's Ballet Workshop, precursor to the Boston Ballet School.



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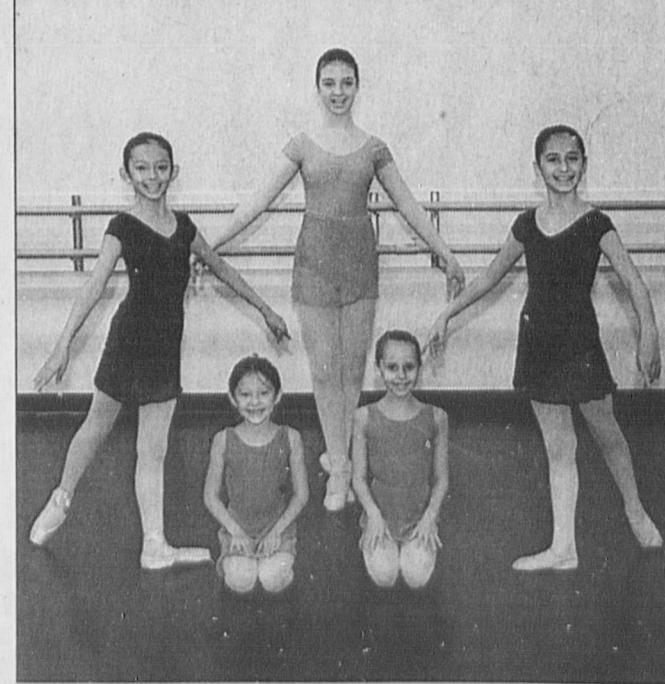
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### South Shore Ballet Theatre



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**By Tammy Hatch**

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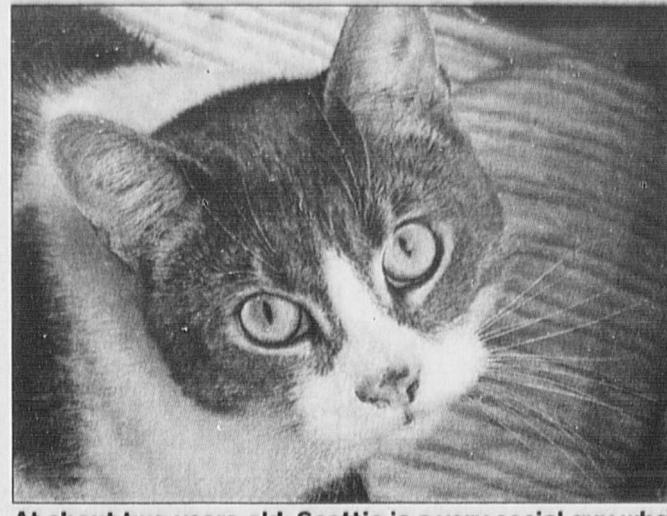
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*Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue*



**At about two-years-old, Scottie is a very social guy who has a fun playful side. COURTESY PHOTO**

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Marissa Haddad of Marshfield on the runway.



Danielle Carter of Cohasset is looking fabulous.



From left: Models Andi Shaughnessy of Scituate, Danielle Carter of Cohasset, Courtney Finn of Cohasset, Marissa Haddad of Marshfield, Erika Cusack of Hingham.



Chel Bella Team, from left, Stylist Heidi Whippen, Marketing Associate Taylor McPherson, Assistant Isabella Cannellieri, Owner Chelsea Orr, Alexis Orr, stylist Pauline Pardo.

#### EVENT

# Chel Bella Fashion Show was fabulous

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The recent Chel Bella Holiday 2016 Fashion Show at Cohasset Golf Club was a huge success drawing a crowd of nearly 200. The event featured five models from Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Marshfield.

Carolyn Cafferty from Texture & Gloss in Cohasset Village did the hair. Alexandra Garrity from Sarra in Hingham Square did the makeup, and Kerry Brett took photos of the event. Cohasset jewelry designer Dawn Eger Rizzo created custom vintage

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Fifteen percent of sales went to support the annual Thanksgiving dinner serving South Shore families in need hosted by Interfaith Social Services.

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Marissa Haddad of Marshfield in a gorgeous ensemble.



From left: Chel Bella stylist Pauline Pardo, Model Andi Shaughnessy, Model Erika Cusack, Chel Bella owner Chelsea Orr, Chel Bella helper Alexis Orr (Chelsea's daughter), Model Courtney Finn, Model Danielle Carter, Model Marissa Haddad, Chel Bella stylist Heidi Whippen.



Model Marissa Haddad of Marshfield wows the crowd.



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I've been living in foster care for over a year now, working on getting over my past and I'm doing pretty well. I did have a little hiccup last fall, when

**I've been told that I'm really a great dog: I'm beautiful and smart and very affectionate with those I know and love.**

my anxiety got the best of me and I escaped into the woods. I lived there for 4 weeks, too scared to come home (until, thankfully, I wandered into a have-a-heart trap that my foster mom had set up).

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— (As told to Lisey Good of the Scituate Animal Shelter. Bob Ryan returns next installment!)



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**COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG**

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire, which is public record and available for review.

**Monday, Nov. 28**

**8:23 a.m.**: A caller reported an elderly male walking on Beechwood Street and looking winded. Police checked OK.

**2:05 p.m.**: A residential alarm was reported on Atlantic Avenue, and the homeowner reported no one should be there. Police reported it was accidental by workers from a realty company.

**3:19 p.m.**: A caller reported a vehicle blocking the sidewalk on North Main Street and on a jack, presenting a safety issue. Police spoke to the owner, who stated she got two flat tires and would try to move the vehicle into the driveway.

**3:32 p.m.**: A bus operator reported having a dispute with a landscaper on Fairoaks Lane. Police advised the landscape that emergency vehicles and school busses must be able to pass. The landscaper stated the vehicle in question was a resident's vehicle.

**3:57 p.m.**: An outside odor of gas was reported on Ripley Road at Sohier Street. Personnel reported no odor but notified National Grid.

**5:32 p.m.**: A walk-in reported that they were assaulted at Stop and Shop.

**11:12 p.m.**: A bank alarm was reported at Santander Bank on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police secured the building.

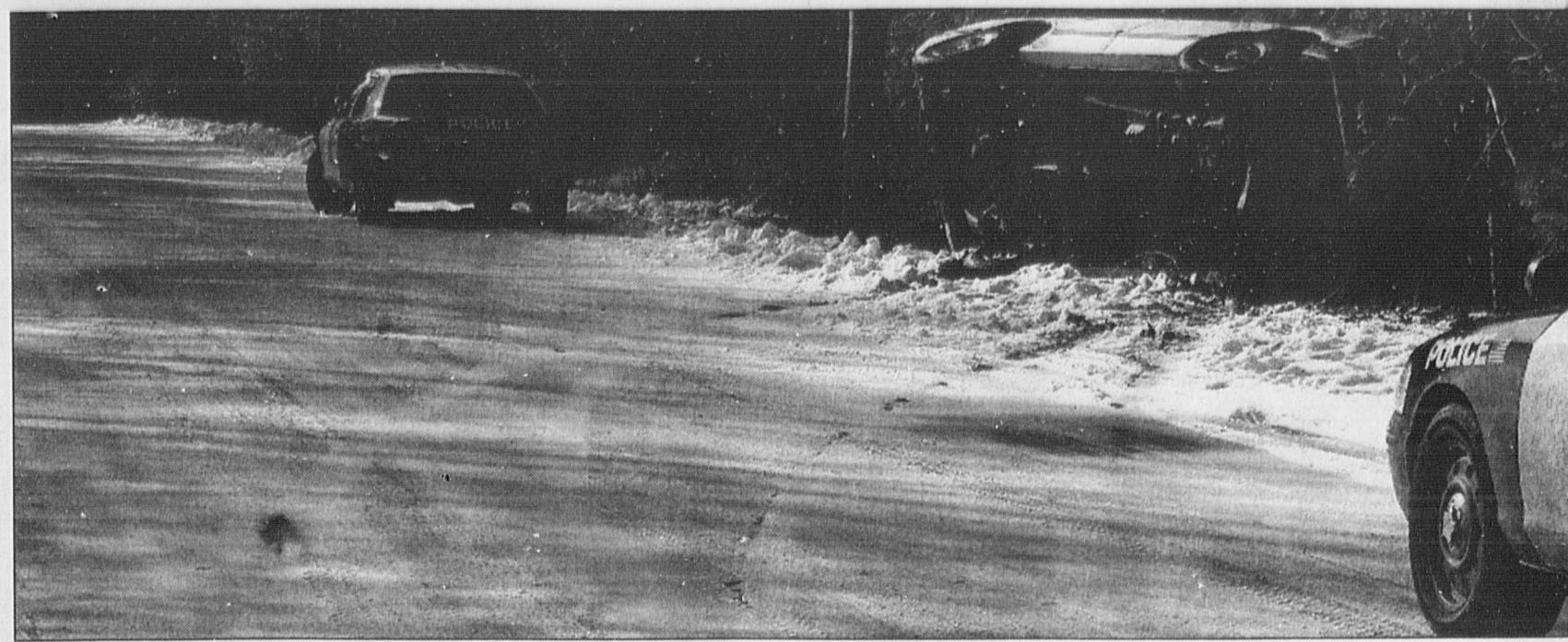
**Tuesday, Nov. 29**

**5:37 a.m.**: A caller reported hitting a deer on Atlantic Avenue at Howard Gleason Road. The operator was uninjured, and the deer was put down.

**8:14 a.m.**: A caller reported a coyote walking around on Ripley Road at Sohier Street but showing no signs of aggression. Police were unable to locate the animal.

**11:15 a.m.**: A motor vehicle crash was reported on Hull Street. The tire came off and the driver lost control, hitting a parked car and then a building. The operator was not injured, and there did not appear to be structural damage to the building. The vehicle was towed.

**11:28 a.m.**: A caller on Windy Hill Road asked what the loud booms in the area were and was informed that Cohasset had a blasting detail at Tad Lane.



**TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK:** Winter weather is here. Reduce speed when ice may be on the road. Speed limits are the maximum for ideal road conditions. If you begin to skid on ice, don't panic, don't slam on the brakes (this will cause you to lose control), let off the gas and steer in the direction you want the car to go in. COURTESY PHOTO

**12:27 p.m.**: A caller reported a deceased deer on Atlantic Avenue. Nuisance Animal Removal was notified.

**2:21 p.m.**: A store owner reported vehicles parked in front of his store on South Main Street for long periods of time. Police drive through and reported several open spots.

**5:26 p.m.**: A caller reported striking a pole at the entrance to the South Shore Athletic Club on Chief Justice Cushing Highway with his car. He stated there was no arcing of wires but the pole was down. National Grid was notified and responded.

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**Thursday, Dec. 1**

**7:11 a.m.**: An erratic operator was reported passing a school bus on Beechwood Street. Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

**8:56 a.m.**: A caller reported a small white car blocking the lane in the cul-de-sac on Ledgewood Farm Drive. Police reported it was parked legally.

**3:12 p.m.**: A caller reported smoke alarms sounding on Norfolk Road but no apparent smoke or fire. Fire personnel reported a problem with the alarm.

**3:58 p.m.**: A caller reported she believed someone tried to break into her house on South Main Street while she was at work. She reported a crowbar on scene and marks on the back door from the crowbar. Construction was being done on the house, but the contractor confirmed no one had been there. Police reported no breaking and entering and that the tool was left by workers.

**4:58 p.m.**: A caller reported the street grate near the Beechwood Street Bridge had moved. The Department of Public Works and a contractor in the area were both notified.

**5:28 p.m.**: An inside odor of gas was reported on Fernway. Fire personnel reported no leaks or gas. The homeowner was advised to contact a tech.

**7:35 p.m.**: A caller reported a blue Corolla driving slow with no lights on on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Scituate Police reported that entry was

9:35 a.m.: A fire alarm was reported at a residence on Black Rock Road. There was no answer at the residence. The alarm company reported that construction dust set off the alarm.

**9:40 a.m.**: A caller reported cars parked in the road on Jerusalem Road for an estate sale. Police reported all cars were removed and the sale would be over soon.

**10:54 a.m.**: A carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarm was reported at a residence on Border Street. Fire personnel reported nothing showing.

**11:17 a.m.**: A two-car motor vehicle crash with rollover was reported on King Street at Sohier Street. Both vehicles were towed, and one party was transported to South Shore Hospital.

**11:37 a.m.**: A caller reported an elderly male in the parking lot at Stop and Shop Gas Station on Chief Justice Cushing Highway not bothering anyone. The caller later reported the party had left with no issues.

**3:39 p.m.**: A residential alarm was reported on Nichols Road. Police secured the building.

**5:14 p.m.**: The DPW reported an issue with the dam, and Beechwood Street at Mill Lane would be closed for all traffic. The water department shut down water to repair the break.

**5:37 p.m.**: A caller reported a large Christmas tree in the roadway near Marylous on King Street.

**Friday, Dec. 2**

**11:44 a.m.**: A caller reported a burning odor in the area of Jerusalem Road. Fire personnel checked the caller's residence and located a slight smoke condition toward Hull. Hub Construction was reportedly burning and was advised of the regulations and to put the fire out.

**3:39 p.m.**: A residential alarm was reported on Nichols Road. Police spoke with the key-holder, who stated it was the landscapers. Police secured the residence.

**5:46 p.m.**: A caller reported four teens skateboarding in dark clothing on Atlantic Avenue at Jerusalem Road. Police were unable to locate the teens.

**7:26 p.m.**: A caller requested a well-being check on his 59-year-old son who left his residence in Cohasset possibly intoxicated. The son's motor vehicle was secured in Scituate.

**10:38 p.m.**: A caller reported loud music and people at a residence on Pleasant Street and stated that this happens often. Police did not locate a party in the area.

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

**12:12 a.m.**: A fire alarm was reported at a residence on Fairoaks Lane. Personnel spoke with the homeowner and confirmed it was accidental.

**11:26 p.m.**: A caller reported a noise complaint at Avalon Bay on King Street. A police search of the area was negative.

**11:41 p.m.**: A caller reported a motor vehicle operator passed out at the intersection at Forest Avenue and North Main Street and then woke up and headed towards Route 3A. Police took the operator into custody, and Scituate Collision towed the vehicle.

**11:51 p.m.**: A sprinkler water flow alarm was reported on Stagecoach Way. Fire personnel reset the system but were unable to contact the homeowner. Personnel had to break a door lock and used two screws to re-secure the door.

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

**1:31 a.m.**: A caller reported an elderly female walking on the sidewalk on South Main Street at Spring Street in a night robe, slippers and a jacket. The party was gone on police arrival.

**9:41 a.m.**: A caller reported a black Honda Civic ran a red light on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Pond Street and almost caused an accident. Police searched the area but did not locate the vehicle.

**2:25 p.m.**: A carbon monoxide alarm was reported on Stanton Road.

**4:47 p.m.**: A chimney fire was reported on South Main Street. The house was evacuated, and fire personnel extinguished the fire.



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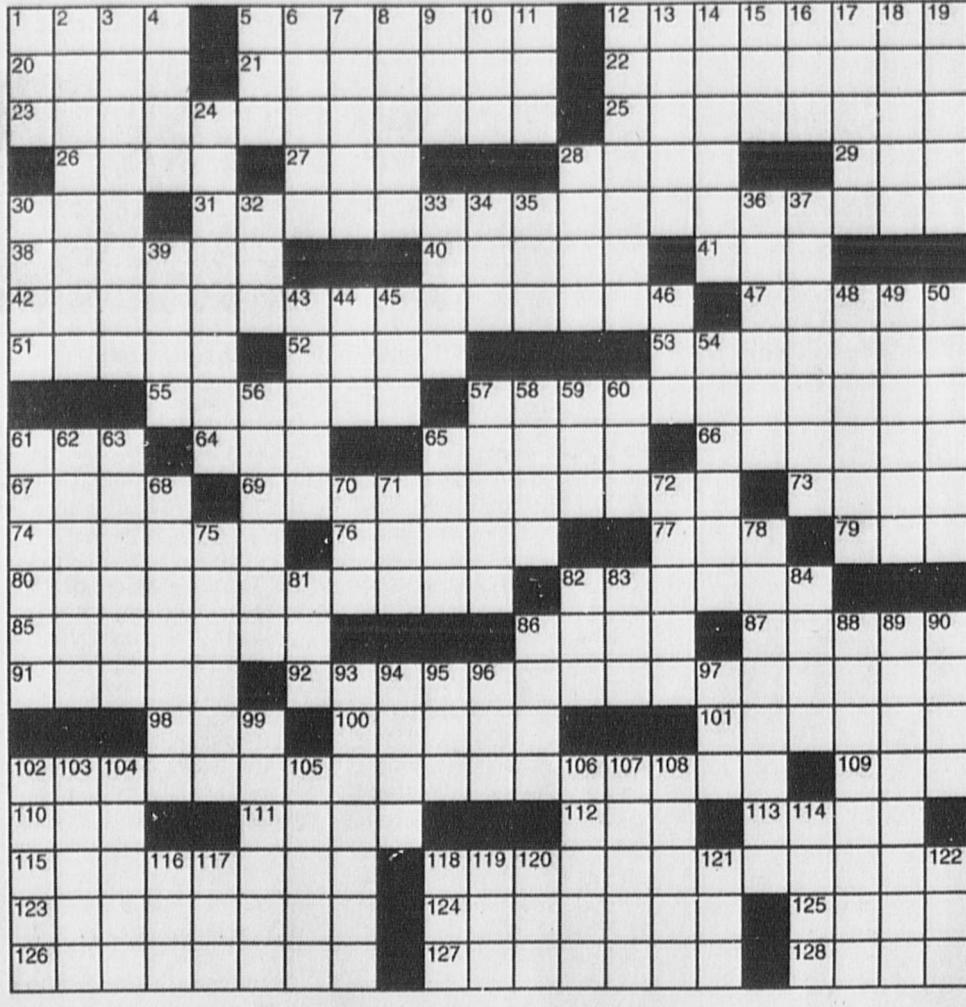
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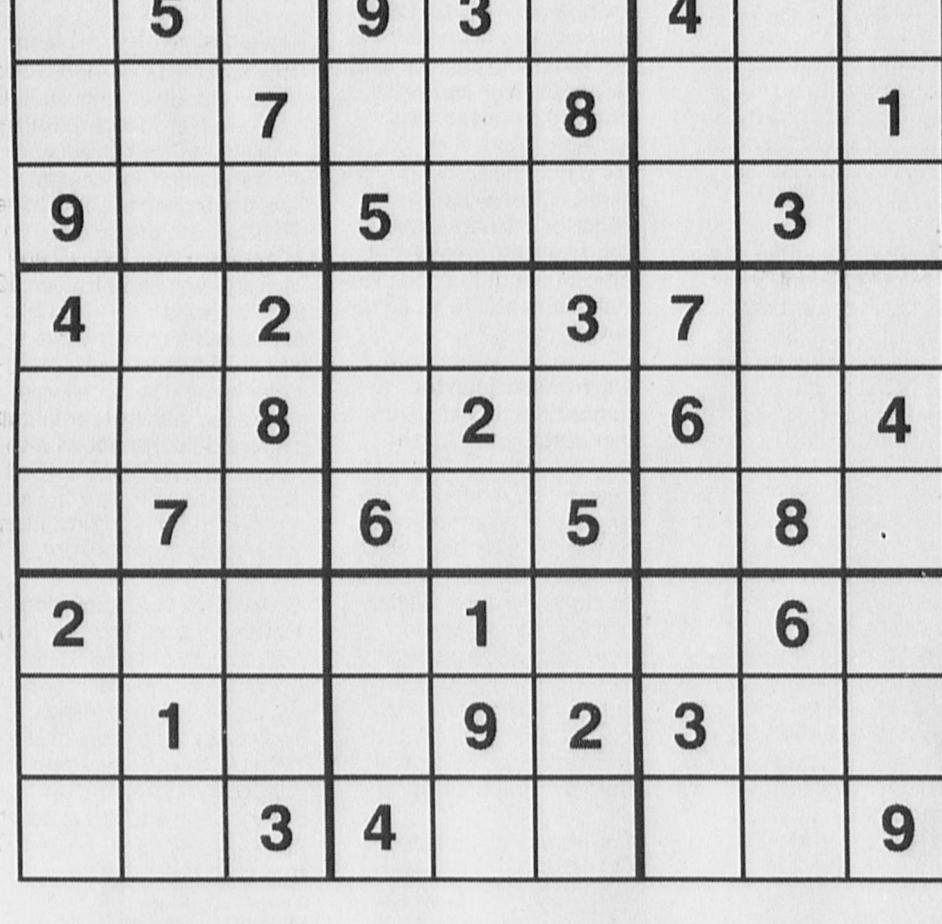
## Crossword • NOTED PHRASES



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## Sudoku



Level: Moderate

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**Sudoku** puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a **Sudoku**, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### HOROSCOPE

## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big

Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-

advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

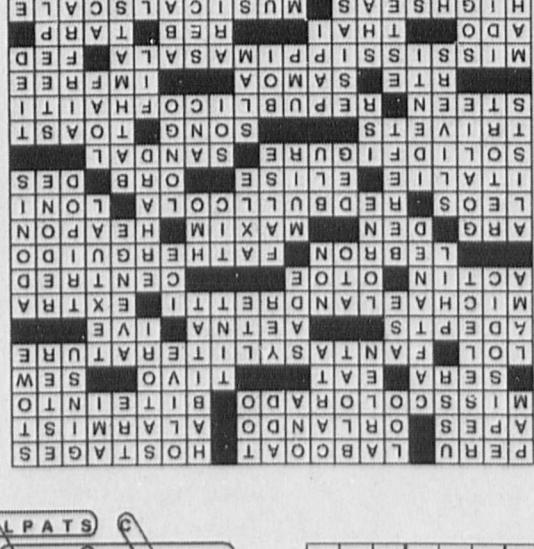
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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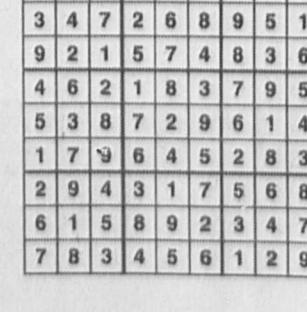
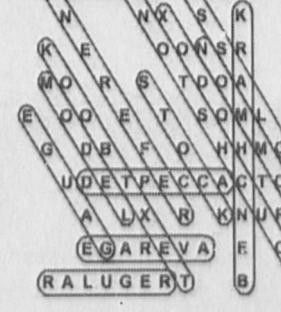


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# CALENDAR

## New England Gospel Ensemble to perform Dec. 11 at First Congregational Church in Rockland

**WHEN:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11

**WHAT:** New England Gospel Ensemble concert at First Congregational Church, Rockland

**INFO:** New England Gospel Ensemble will perform at First Congregational Church, 12 Church St., Rockland. The choir has sung for hundreds of audiences over the years. Gospel music and music of encouragement makes up a significant portion of the repertoire. Director James A. Early, a native of Philadelphia, received a Bachelor of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music and a Master of Education degree from Northeastern University. He also directs the Joyful Voices of Inspiration and choirs in the Boston area. Donation is \$10 at the door.

**For information:** 781-878-1790 [www.firstchurchrockland.org](http://www.firstchurchrockland.org).



## Scituate Arts Association Holiday House Tour Dec. 11

**WHEN:** 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11

**WHAT:** Scituate Arts Association Holiday House Tour

**INFO:** Tour homes on the Scituate Arts Association Holiday House Tour, then enjoy raffles, live music and reception at the Ellis House. Tour plans include a Colonial, a repurposed carriage house, an 1850s barn (later a gallery), a foursquare beach cottage and a modern shingle-style home, all paired with a large selection of Front Street Gallery Artists works. Pick up tour booklet Dec. 11 starting at 11 a.m. at Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 day of event.

**For information:** 781-545-6150, [www.scituateart.com](http://www.scituateart.com).



## Holiday Pops by Plymouth Philharmonic Dec. 10 and 11 at Plymouth Memorial Hall

**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11

**WHAT:** Holiday Pops presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra at Memorial Hall in Plymouth

**INFO:** Holiday Pops presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted by Steven Karidoyanes will be held at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Shows are 3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 10 and 3 p.m. Dec. 11. Actor Neil McGarry will join in for a mini, musical retelling of "A Christmas Carol" set to live orchestral music. Tenor Matthew Anderson will return to sing holiday classics, as well as choruses from the Federal Furnace School (Saturday and Sunday afternoon) and the Plymouth Community Intermediate School (Saturday evening), while the annual March of the Toys charity toy drive and jolly guest from the North Pole round out this holiday spectacular. Tickets are \$20 to \$75.

**For information:** 508-746-8008, [www.plymouthphil.org](http://www.plymouthphil.org).



## CALENDAR

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### Friday, Dec. 9

**Christmas Designer Show House:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m., Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. Tickets sold at the door. \$10 senior, \$12 adult. For information: [www.danielwebsterestate.org](http://www.danielwebsterestate.org).

**Christmas at King Caesar House:** Dec. 9-13, King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Supporting the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society. Members of the DRHS are invited to an exclusive preview party from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9. The house will be open to the public for holiday tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 and for group tours Dec. 12 and 13. Tickets for the public tours, available at the door, are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 6 admitted free. Group tours are \$12 for adults with a tour minimum of \$35. Call 781-934-6106 to arrange for a group tour. For information: [www.duxburyhistory.org](http://www.duxburyhistory.org).

**Christmas in the Village:** 4-8 p.m., North Scituate. Free event presented by North Scituate Merchants Assoc. Elf scavenger hunt, tractor rides, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live music, wine tasting, carolers, children's crafts/activities, and hot chocolate and goodies. Pick up a map and schedule of activities at any store in North Scituate the evening of the event.

**"Grease" performance:** 7 p.m., Rockland High School, 52 Mackinlay Way, Rockland. Presented by the Rockland High School Theatre Guild. Tickets can be purchased in advance at ShowTix4U.com for \$6. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$8. For information: [kdonovan@rocklandschools.org](mailto:kdonovan@rocklandschools.org), [jwhite@rocklandschools.org](mailto:jwhite@rocklandschools.org).

**Four bands to perform:** 7:30 p.m., Buzzards Play Productions, 3065 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. 3065Live and 842 Booking will present four bands: Crooked Coast, Thee Midnight Society, The Black Kennedys, and Gordon's Law. Doors open a half hour before the show. Cover price is \$10. All ages welcome. Beer and wine cash bar for those 21+. For information: [www.facebook.com/3065Live](http://www.facebook.com/3065Live).

#### Saints & Singers concert:

7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 11 Gibbs Ave., Wareham. "Everything Glorious" is this year's Christmas cantata, featuring modern and traditional Christmas music. All are welcome. No admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. For information: 508-540-5942, <https://sites.google.com/site/saintsandingerschorus>.

#### "A Christmas Carol" performances:

Nov. 25-Dec. 18, Thursdays through Sundays, Company Theatre Centre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The Charles Dickens classic is directed by Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, choreographed by Sally Forrest, with music direction by Steve Rogers. Tickets are \$39 and \$41. Show times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 8, Sundays at 3. For information: 781-871-2787, [www.companystheatre.com](http://www.companystheatre.com).

#### The Crashers:

8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, [www.thenextpage-cafe.com](http://www.thenextpage-cafe.com).

### Saturday, Dec. 10

#### Solstice Silkscreening:

8:30 a.m. to noon, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Doug Lowry, teacher and naturalist will guide participants to design, create, and print a multi-colored serigraph to be used as a solstice greeting card. All materials will be provided. Preregistration is required. \$35/\$30 member adult includes both sessions. Session 1 is Dec. 7. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

#### Breakfast with Santa:

9-11 a.m., St. Mary's Parish Center, 392 Hanover St., Hanover. Sponsored by the Hanover Woman's Club Juniors. The event will feature breakfast, face painting/tattoos, cakewalk, crafts and a white elephant table with gifts under \$1 including gift wrapping. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$5 for children, or \$3 with the donation of a new toy. Children under 2 are admitted for free.

Photos with Santa, including a decorative folder, will be available for \$4. For information: 781-878-9917.

#### Art Appraisal Day:

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Arthur Garrity, a professional fine art appraiser, will offer verbal appraisals. Etchings, prints or original oil or watercolor paintings may be submitted for review. There is a fee of \$15 per one appraisal, \$25 for two appraisals or \$33 for three appraisals. Limit of three items per customer per visit.

Call to make an appointment. For information: 781-749-0430.

#### Ornament workshop:

9:30-11:30 a.m., Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Artist Carolyn Daly Shedd will lead this creative activity workshop for adults and for kids. Learn the basics of pottery and create memories at the same time. \$35 for one person, \$50 for two and \$70 for three. For information: 781-934-6634, ext. 10, [www.artcomplex.org](http://www.artcomplex.org).

#### Christmas Designer Show House:

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 9-13, King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Road, Duxbury. Supporting the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society. The house will be open to the public for holiday tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 and for group tours Dec. 12 and 13. Tickets for the public tours, available at the door, are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 6 admitted free. Group tours are \$12 for adults with a tour minimum of \$35. Call 781-934-6106 to arrange for a group tour. For information: [www.duxburyhistory.org](http://www.duxburyhistory.org).

#### Winter Solstice in Legend and Song:

1 p.m., United Church of Christ, 10 Bedford St., Abington. Presented by Abington Garden Club. Storyteller Diane Edgecomb will be accompanied by Celtic harper, Margot Chamberlain, offering a look at the stories behind our holiday traditions with a poetic weave to support each tale. The program will feature a luncheon at noon followed by the storytellers at 1 p.m.

#### Saints & Singers concert:

1 p.m., St. Mary Church, 313 Court St., Plymouth. "Everything Glorious" is this year's Christmas cantata, featuring modern and traditional Christmas music. All are welcome. No admission charge. A free will offering will be taken. For information: 508-540-5942, <https://sites.google.com/site/saintsandingerschorus>.

#### South Shore Genealogical Society meeting:

1:30 p.m., John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. This theme of this year's annual holiday meeting will be Christmas Past and Present. Members will share their experiences of differences in their experience as children at Christmas and those of their ancestors and of their children. Refreshments will

be provided, and the public is invited to attend at no charge.

#### "Harping for the Holidays" concert:

2 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Native Nicole Anderson will provide soothing sounds of the orchestral and therapy harps and a variety of genres including fan favorites and seasonal tunes. Free and open to the public; no tickets required. For information: 781-834-5535, [www.ventresslibrary.org](http://www.ventresslibrary.org).

#### Christmas event:

2-6 p.m., Colchester Neighborhood Farm, 90 Brook St., Plympton. Free family-friendly community activities: ornament-making, caroling, a tree lighting and refreshments. Santa Claus will be there as well. Fresh cut Christmas trees and wreaths, both decorated and plain, are on sale at the farmstand. Choose from 6-foot to 7-foot balsam firs. Tree prices start at \$30. Mention "Night to Shine" and \$5 of the purchase price will be donated to the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine event, hosted locally by Calvary Baptist Church in Hanson. For information: [klowman@newenglandvillage.org](mailto:klowman@newenglandvillage.org).

#### Desserts and Destinations

**- Namibia:** 3-5 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Narrated slideshow by David Clapp, celebrated traveler, educator and past South Shore Sanctuaries director. Preregistration is required. \$14/\$10 member per session. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/org/southshore).

#### Ron Della Chiesa:

3 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Radio personality Ron Della Chiesa will present a program of opera, jazz, and popular music on his 1903 RCA Victrola. He will play vintage 78 rpm records that captured the sound resonated in every home in America during the early years of the 19th century. For information: 781-741-1405, [www.hinghamlibrary.org](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org).

#### "Savoir Faire" jazz duo:

7:30-10:30 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate. Savoir Faire members are Les Sampou of Norwell, vocals, and Jim Gordon of Duxbury, guitar. They perform a repertoire of American standards in the style of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Diana Krall. Free admission. For information: 781-545-1340 or 781-545-6309.

#### South Shore Dancers

**Holiday Gala:** 7:30-11 p.m., Cushing Memorial Hall, 673 Main St., Norwell. Theme is high society holiday. Dress suggestions: holiday fancy.

\$30 charge includes passed

hot appetizers and assorted

desserts, coffee, tea, water.

Music by DJ. Couples and

singles, newcomers, experienced dancers welcome.

Advance reservations

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by Dec. 1. For information:

781-659-4703, [tickets@southshoredancers.org](mailto:tickets@southshoredancers.org).

#### The Back Bay Ringers:

7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate. The handbell ensemble from Boston will perform "An English Christmas" concert. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors/students and may be purchased online at [www.backbayringers.org](http://www.backbayringers.org) and at the door.

#### Christmas concert:

7:30 p.m., Second Parish Church,

685 Main Street, Hingham.

The Hingham Singers present

a concert featuring the "three

C's" of the season: carols,

chorales and choruses. Tick-

ets are \$15 in advance or \$20

at the door. Advance tickets

are available from Hingham

Singers members, at Artisans

in the Square, 63 South St.,

Hingham, or by phone. For

information: 781-749-7507.

#### A Christmas Carol" performances:

Nov. 25-Dec. 18, Thursdays through Sundays, Company Theatre Centre

**Syd Slacks & the Elastic Waist Band:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, [www.thenextpage-cafe.com](http://www.thenextpage-cafe.com).

### Sunday, Dec. 11

#### Christmas Designer Show

**House:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. All 14 rooms, two floors decorated for the holiday season in the 1880 Victorian mansion.

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